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THE know-all North ... the mediocre Midlands ... the soft South ... accusations to make the true football fan's blood boil. But how true are these statements? Well, the 'Northern' domination in the League honours list — thanks mainly to Liverpool and Manchester United — would suggest fans in the North have a good reason to crow. Apart from their good record in the League Cup, teams from the Midlands do lag behind their counterparts in the North and South. And Southern teams can only really pride themselves in the FA Cup competition. But who will have the last laugh this season? Here we attempt to find out by asking three players in the know ...

NORTH

Graeme Souness

Liverpool's Scottish international midfielder on the League Championship.

MIDLANDS

Mel Eves

The Wolves' front-runner takes a look at the League Cup.

SOUTH

Alvin Martin

West Ham's young defender talks about the FA Cup.



HONOURS GO?

THREE clubs pose the major threat to Liverpool's bid for their third successive First Division title – but Arsenal aren't one of them, says Graeme Souness.

"Aston Villa, Ipswich and Nottingham Forest can be regarded as the main danger, but I don't believe Arsenal are consistently good enough to win the championship.

"They could have a big say in deciding where the title goes by taking points off the main teams.

"But they are more or less the same team, working to the same system as last season, but without Liam Brady.

"Ipswich, if they can keep up the performances they have shown so far and avoid too many injuries, will be there at the end, as will Forest.

"Aston Villa? It's hard to say," said Souness, who was speaking on the eve of Liverpool's top of the table clash with the Midlands pace-setters.

"I haven't even seen them on TV, but their record shows they have been playing well. In the end perhaps a weakness in depth might tell against them, though they have shown none yet.

"It's silly at this stage of the season – we're not even half-way yet – to say that Liverpool are definitely going to win it again.

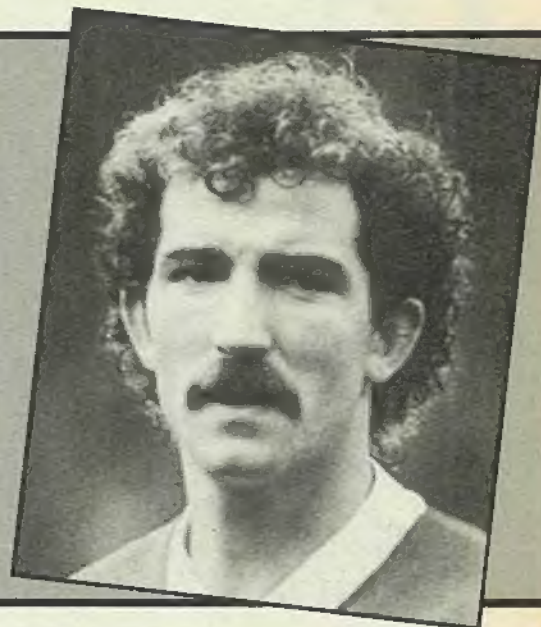
"Winning titles is all about good players and playing to a correct system laid down by the coaches.

"We have good players, a good system and good coaches. We'll be in there at the end," he said, with the confidence of a man who knows that whoever wants to take the trophy away from Anfield will have to clamber rough-shod over red shirts to get at it!

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS SINCE THE WAR

LIVERPOOL (1946-47, 1963-64, 1965-66, 1972-73, 1975-76, 1976-77, 1978-79, 1979-80); ARSENAL (1947-48, 1952-53, 1970-71); PORTSMOUTH (1948-49, 1949-50); SPURS (1950-51, 1960-61); MANCHESTER UNITED (1951-52, 1955-56, 1956-57, 1964-65, 1966-67); WOLVES (1963-64, 1967-68, 1968-69); CHELSEA (1954-55); BURNLEY (1959-60); IPSWICH (1961-62); EVERTON (1962-63, 1969-70); MANCHESTER CITY (1967-68); LEEDS (1968-69, 1973-74); DERBY (1971-72, 1974-75); NOTTINGHAM FOREST (1977-78).

1 – NORTHERN TEAMS 20 wins
2 – SOUTHERN TEAMS 8 wins
3 – MIDLANDS TEAMS 7 wins



West Bromwich Albion are tipped to keep the League Cup in the Midlands for the eighth successive season.

And the man backing Albion is none other than Mel Eves of regional rivals Wolves – the current holders.

If Mel's hunch is correct it will mean the League Cup won't have left the Midlands since Spurs won it in season 1972-73.

Says Mel: "I must admit I fancy West Brom to go all the way to Wembley and win as long as they get the right breaks. They are putting the results together.

"And I fancy Birmingham have a good chance of beating Liverpool in a replay if they can get a draw at Anfield."

Mel's other tips are Watford to beat Coventry and Spurs to beat West Ham.

"It really is all about raising your game on the day in the cup, whereas you have to do it week in, week out to win the League.

"I'm a firm believer in the old saying: 'if your name's on the cup you'll win it'.

"Looking back on last season when we won the cup I think the turning point was Kenny Hibbitt's 90th minute goal which earned us a draw against Q.P.R. in the fourth-round tie at Loftus Road.

"You need to get those little breaks."

Wolves went out of the competition this season at the hands of Cambridge United in the two-leg second round.

Reflecting on that Mel added: "When you come up against a smaller club you are on a hiding to nothing because you are expected to win".

LEAGUE CUP WINNERS (SINCE COMPETITION WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1960-61)

ASTON VILLA (1960-61, 1974-75, 1976-77); NORWICH (1961-62); BIRMINGHAM (1962-63); LEICESTER (1963-64); CHELSEA (1964-65); WEST BROM (1965-66); QPR (1966-67); LEEDS (1967-68); SWINDON (1968-69); MANCHESTER CITY (1969-70, 1975-76); SPURS (1970-71, 1972-73); STOKE (1971-72); WOLVES (1973-74, 1979-80); FOREST (1977-78, 1978-79).

1 – MIDLAND TEAMS 12 wins
2 – SOUTHERN TEAMS 5 wins
3 – NORTHERN TEAMS 3 wins



West Ham defender Alvin Martin picks Liverpool – the team he once worshipped from the terraces – as the major threat in Hammers' defence of the FA Cup.

"You've got to fancy them. There's not too many teams that can beat them on their day," declared Alvin. "You could name so many teams at this stage, but I think Aston Villa could be a good bet and Arsenal always do well in whatever cup competition they play in".

West Ham themselves certainly come into that category and Alvin warns:

"This season our squad is that bit stronger. We still have class players in people like Trevor Brooking, Alan Devonshire and Billy Bonds, but our younger players have learned a lot – myself included."

But what does it take to become a Wembley winner? "The draw is always very important. We beat Aston Villa at our place last season, but I'm sure it would have been a much more difficult game at Villa Park," said Alvin.

"Injuries are not as big a blow in the cup as they are in the League because unless they are really serious a player has time to get over his injury before the next round, but ideally you want a fully fit side for each tie.

"Any team – whether it be Liverpool or Barnsley – has a chance in a cup tie. That's what makes the competition so exciting."

FA CUP WINNERS SINCE THE WAR

DERBY (1945-46); CHARLTON (1946-47); MANCHESTER UNITED (1947-48, 1962-63, 1976-77); WOLVES (1948-49, 1959-60); ARSENAL (1949-50, 1970-71, 1978-79); NEWCASTLE (1950-51, 1951-52, 1954-55); BLACKPOOL (1952-53); WEST BROM (1953-54, 1967-68); MANCHESTER CITY (1955-56, 1968-69); ASTON VILLA (1956-57); BOLTON (1957-58); NOTTINGHAM FOREST (1958-59); SPURS (1960-61, 1961-62, 1966-67); WEST HAM (1963-64, 1974-75, 1979-80); LIVERPOOL (1964-65, 1973-74); EVERTON (1965-66); CHELSEA (1969-70); LEEDS (1971-72); SUNDERLAND (1972-73); SOUTHAMPTON (1975-76); IPSWICH (1977-78).

1 – NORTHERN TEAMS 15 wins
2 – SOUTHERN TEAMS 13 wins
3 – MIDLANDS TEAMS 8 wins



Youth booster

SCOTLAND'S football future looks to be in good hands judging by the smiles on the faces of Aberdeen's Neil Cooper (left) and Scott McGarvey of Manchester United.

British Caledonian Airways have agreed to inject £100,000 over the next three years into a Scottish FA national youth coaching scheme and model Fiona Best — sounds an appropriate soccer name — came along for our camera to promote the plan.

More than 1,000 youngsters have taken part in the scheme this year, under coaching director Andy Roxburgh.

In the last four years, Scotland's youth team has lost only four of its 36 matches — 30 of them on foreign soil — and they are determined to maintain their high standard.



New faces

STEVE Coppell (Manchester United), Paul Hart (Leeds) and Peter Mollor, Portsmouth's goalkeeper captain, have been elected to the committee of the players' union, the PFA.

They join Alan Gowling (Bolton), the new chairman in succession to Gordon Taylor, who will become assistant secretary, Bob Latchford (Everton), Lammie Robertson (Bradford), John Hollins (Arsenal) and John Duncan (Derby).

One of their first jobs is to call for a summit of football authorities to thrash out some of the player's ideas for 'saving' soccer.

These include:

- A change in the system for assessing referees.
- An eight-point booking for a 'professional foul' — half way between the current red and yellow card penalties.
- Restriction on the import of overseas players from outside Common Market countries — the PFA believes the influx is losing their members jobs.

Boss boom

DO Darlington and Walsall realise that they are locked in a sort of "race" that neither will want to win?

They can't be exactly overjoyed to know that they lead all the other 90 Football League clubs in having had the most postwar managers, with 17 each at the latest count.

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Watford for Wembley!

WATFORD can go all the way to Wembley — and maybe even win the League Cup!

Who says so? None other than England skipper Kevin Keegan, whose own Southampton were dumped out of the competition in that second round 7-1 thrashing at Vicarage Road.

Kevin played in the first leg of that memorable tie when Saints strolled into a seemingly unassailable 4-0 lead.

"I was injured for the second leg but I couldn't believe they were the same side."

"If they are drawn at home throughout the competition they are going to take a hell of a

lot of beating. Their away form is poor but they're a different outfit at Vicarage Road.

"They can beat anyone there. Their kick and run style catches First Division teams out.

"Big Ross Jenkins is a handful up front, Luther Blissett is very quick and I like Ray Train. He's very under-rated.

"It's always feasible that a Second Division side will get to Wembley. Watford have a great chance."

Watford bid for a place in the semi-finals when they meet Coventry on Wednesday. See Paul Stratton's League Cup predictions later in this issue.



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Indoor stars

THERE were some familiar names kicking off in the new North American indoor six-a-side season last week, among them . . . George Best (San Jose), Ron Fitcher (Minnesota Kicks), Billy Caskey and Vic Moreland (Tulsa Roughnecks), Clyde Best (Portland Timbers).

KID BROTHER

DES BREMNER, a key member of table toppers, Aston Villa, is keeping a close eye on the fortunes of his younger brother, Kevin, who has now moved South of the border to join Colchester United. Kevin cost the Third Division club a record £20,000 from the Highland League outfit, Keith.

Hat-trick club

WHY don't Bob Latchford (Everton), Mike Channon (Southampton), Alan Buckley (Walsall) and Colin Garwood (Aldershot) form a kind of "club" all their own?

They may not know it, but they happen to be the only current players who have hit hat-tricks at one time or another in all three national competitions — the Football League and in both F.A. and League Cups.

Long and the short of it

FOOTBALL League playing pitches vary considerably in size. The longest of all is that at Northampton at 120 yards, and the shortest are those of as many as 19, all of which are 110 yards. The widest: Hereford United and Orient at 80 yards in each case; the narrowest: four at 70 yards each.

Super Cup return for Francis?

TREVOR Francis could make his return to top class football in Spain after all!

Shortly after suffering an achilles injury at the end of last season, Trevor's name was linked with Spanish club Barcelona in a £3 million move from Nottingham Forest, but the deal fell through.

Now the England international is set to return to Spain for his big time comeback in Forest's Super Cup second leg against Valencia — the annual challenge between the European Champions and Cup Winners' Cup holders on December 17.

All the comments made after Trevor's practice match return point towards a comeback before Christmas and for sure his manager would prefer to ease him back in to the fold away from the glare of publicity.

Though he claims he hasn't set himself any targets, the will-o'-the-wisp striker says: "I've been stepping up my training and plan to get as many matches as possible

behind me before the big day.

"I don't get paid to play in the reserves or 'A' team and I know that the real test has to come when I go back in the first team.

"I was very disappointed that we lost in the European Cup to CSKA Sofia. I was really looking forward to playing in the competition this year," said Francis, whose goal earned Forest their first European crown in 1979.

But now he may get a second chance in Europe with the visit to Valencia, triumphant over Arsenal in a dramatic Cup Winners' Cup Final penalty decider last May.

He is likely to come up against the hard man Botubot but will also be able to measure his skills against Argentine's World Cup hero Mario Kempes, now enjoying the freedom of a deep-lying attacking role.

Valencia suffered a shock CWC exit at the hands of East Germans Carl Zeiss Jena.



Match Chat

Compiled by Bob Warters



Praise from Sir Matt

STEVE ARCHIBALD'S successful switch to English football has come as no surprise to soccer's "father-figure" . . . Sir Matt Busby.

After watching the then unknown Archibald playing for Scotland under 21's against England under 21's last February, Busby commented: "Although he didn't score I was very impressed with Archibald. He's got that very rare ability to make time for himself in tight situations. He reminds me very much of a young Denis Law."

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What's that? — 1

SPOTTED in West German newspaper 'Bild-Zeitung': "Nottingham Forest has signed two forwards, Ward (Brighton) and Hove (Albion)." Sounds quite a combination!

What's that? — 2

SPOTTED in the Daily Express recently following cartilage injury fears for Kenny Dalglish: "The Scot has strained ligaments and should be fit to face Aston Villa at Aintree on Saturday." No doubt he was jumping for joy about that!

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FLASHBACK

Where was your favourite team on . . .

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ENGLISH LEAGUE

DIVISION I	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Everton	19	8	2	0	31	10	5	1	3	15	12	29
Tottenham	19	7	2	1	40	18	5	1	3	22	13	27
Burnley	19	7	2	1	19	8	4	3	2	20	19	27
Leicester C.	19	7	3	0	24	9	2	3	4	10	14	24
Noton For.	19	7	1	1	22	9	2	4	4	19	23	23
Wolves	19	3	4	3	22	17	6	0	3	21	15	22
Aston Villa	19	7	1	2	20	11	2	3	4	13	18	22
Sheff. Wed.	19	4	4	2	14	10	2	4	3	18	22	20
Liverpool	19	6	1	2	19	8	1	3	6	12	19	18
Blackburn	19	4	1	4	20	22	3	3	3	16	16	18
Blackb. Utd.	19	5	2	2	16	10	2	2	6	10	21	18
West Brom	19	5	0	4	20	19	2	3	5	11	16	17
Armscrl	19	4	2	5	18	14	2	3	5	19	26	17
Birmingham	19	3	5	1	20	14	3	0	7	9	22	17
Blackpool	19	3	3	3	11	12	2	4	4	9	18	17
Man City	19	3	3	3	12	16	2	4	4	16	27	17
West Ham	19	2	4	3	15	18	3	2	5	17	15	16
Bolton W.	19	6	1	2	17	8	1	1	7	11	24	16
Man. Utd.	19	3	3	4	19	20	3	1	5	16	22	16
Fulham	19	3	3	4	13	16	1	2	6	7	20	13
Ipswich T.	19	1	4	4	16	21	2	2	6	13	19	12
Leyton O.	19	3	0	7	13	22	1	2	6	6	18	10

DIVISION II	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelton	19	8	1	0	28	6	5	1	4	15	10	28
Bury	19	7	1	1	13	4	4	3	3	13	10	26
Huddersfield	18	5	3	2	15	8	4	4	0	17	8	25
Stoke	19	6	3	1	25	12	1	7	1	8	6	24
Sunderland	19	8	1	0	28	6	1	3	5	13	19	24
Cardiff	20	5	2	3	28	19	5	1	4	20	18	23
Plymouth	19	7	3	0	25	5	1	3	5	11	22	22
Newcastle	20	5	4	0	23	7	3	1	7	9	23	21
Wrexham	19	5	3	2	22	15	3	2	4	12	14	21
Portsmouth	19	5	3	2	18	13	2	4	3	12	16	21
Leeds	19	5	1	3	20	11	2	5	3	11	14	20
Scunthorpe	20	6	3	1	16	9	1	2	7	7	20	19
Middlesbro'	19	5	1	3	21	20	4	0	6	14	28	19
Swansea	20	8	0	2	16	6	0	3	7	9	29	19
Rotherham	19	4	1	4	12	16	4	1	5	16	20	18
Southampton	19	5	1	3	20	15	1	3	6	11	20	16
Preston N.E.	19	4	4	2	19	16	1	1	7	6	18	15
Walsall	19	4	4	2	14	16	1	0	8	10	30	14
Charlton	19	4	2	4	16	20	1	1	7	12	28	13
Derby	19	2	3	4	9	12	1	3	8	10	19	12
Luton	18	2	3	3	16	17	1	2	7	10	19	11
Grimsby	19	1	3	6	11	17	2	0	7	14	24	9

DIVISION III	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Peterboro'	21	6	3	1	23	9	5	2	4	28	25	27
Northampton	20	6	2	1	28	8	4	4	3	21	19	26
Watford	21	9	0	2	36	15	3	1	6	13	23	26
Bournemouth	21	5	6	0	18	10	3	4	4	10	12	25
Notts Co.	20	7	1	3	18	17	3	4	2	11	12	25
Ilkeston F.C.	19	5	2	2	23	12	6	0	4	23	14	24
Swindon T.	20	7	1	1	27	8	1	6	4	14	19	23
Coventry C.	20	7	3	1	25	12	1	4	4	12	20	23
Prest. Vals	21	6	2	2	20	12	2	4	5	5	11	22
Southend U.	20	7	3	0	20	11	4	0	6	16	28	22
Shrewsbury	21	5	3	2	32	19	2	4	5	18	23	21
Wrexham	20	7	1	2	29	16	3	0	7	11	26	21
Colchester	21	4	4	3	20	18	3	4	4	16	23	21
Bristol C.	20	3	4	2	19	16	4	5	2	24	24	20
Hull City	19	6	3	1	23	10	1	2	6	10	23	19
Reading	21	7	1	3	25	14	1	1	8	10	22	18
Bristol R.	20	6	3	2	23	13	1	1	7	10	26	18
Miltonk.	20	3	4	3	24	16	1	5	4	16	28	17
Barnsley	19	6	2	1	15	7	1	1	8	10	23	17
Bradford	20	4	5	2	15	16	1	1	7	11	24	16
Hullix T.	21	5	1	4	18	18	0	6	6	9	27	16
Brighton	21	3	4	4	12	17	1	3	7	12	26	14
Carlisle U.	18	3	3	3	13	18	0	3	6	7	17	12
Crystal P.	20	1	5	4	10	13	1	3	6	8	20	12

DIVISION IV	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oldham A.	20	7	2	1	20	12	4	5	1	13	10	29
Mansfield	19	8	2	1	28	4	4	2	2	20	14	28
Brentford	18	7	1	0	25	14	3	2	3	12	11	23
Rochdale	19	7	3	0	22	9	2	2	5	8	13	23
Crewe A.	19	6	2	1	17	7	2	5	3	14	18	23
Gillingham	19	7	1	2	17	13	3	2	4	15	16	23
Workington	19	6	2	1	17	5	3	2	5	11	17	22
Torquay U.	19	4	5	0	17	10	2	4	4	17	18	21
Lincoln C.	20	7	0	3	28	18	1	5	4	9	13	21
Aldershot	21	3	6	1	18	15	2	5	4	12	15	21
Newport C.	19	5	3	2	26	12	2	2	5	16	25	19
Cheshamfield	20	2	6	2	22	16	3	3	4	11	15	19
Stockport C.	21	3	5	3	13	14	3	2	5	10	14	19
Darlington	19	4	2	4	16	16	3	3	3	12	20	19
Oxford U.	21	4	5	1	21	10	1	3	7	13	21	18
Barrow	19	5	3	0	21	9	2	1	8	12	32	18
Doncaster	20	3	4	3	14	13	4	0	6	13	22	18
Chester	20	4	2	4	18	12	2	3	5	11	19	17
Southport	20	4	5	1	24	20	1	2	7	12	39	17
Tranmere	18	3	2	3	20	11	3	2	5	15	23	16
Bradford C.	20	6	0	3	17	11	0	4	7	14	27	16
Hartlepool	20	3	1	6	16	15	2	3	5	18	24	14
York C.	20	3	2	5	14	14	1	3	6	6	11	13
Exeter C.	20	3	2	6	10	19	2	1	6	9	20	13

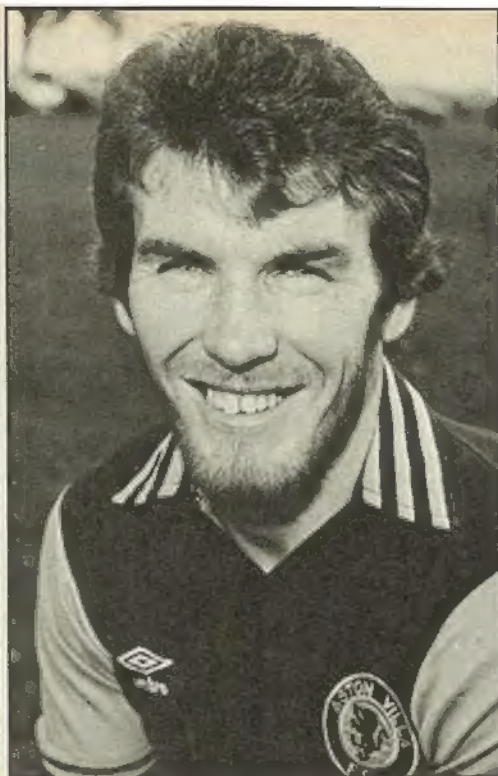
SCOTTISH LEAGUE

SCOTTISH DIVISION I	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers	13	5	2	0	19	6	5	0	1	18	6	22
Park T.	13	5	0	1	16	7	5	1	1	12	6	21
Hearts	13	5	2	0	21	5	3	2	1	14	10	20
Aberdeen	13	6	0	1	26	5	2	2	2	9	8	18
Kilmarnock	13	3	2	1	23	6	3	3	1	16	8	17
Celtic	13	1	1	4	3	7	6	1	0	23	3	16
Dunfermline	13	5	1	1	20	9	2	1	3	7	8	16
Queen of S.	13	4	1	2	10	8	2	2	2	6	10	15
Dundee Utd	13	3	3	1	20	11	1	2	3	4	7	13
Dundee	13	4	2	0	9	4	0	3	4	8	14	13
St Mirren	13	2	2	2	9	15	2	1	4	8	16	11
Falkirk	13	3	1	2	12	11	1	1	5	9	15	10
Third Lark	13	1	3	3	13	19	1	2	3	10	14	9
Airdrie	13	4	0	3	18	18	0	1	5	6	24	9
Hibs	13	2	1	3	7	13	1	2	4	10	18	9
Clyde	13	2	1	4	9	16	0	2	4	5	15	7
Motherwell	13	0	3	3	4	9	1	1	5	13	21	6
Rail R.	13	0	2	4	5	11	0	0	7	4	41	2

SCOTTISH DIVISION II	HOME						AWAY							
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● **GARRY BIRTLES** — now with Division One rivals Manchester United.



● **PETER WITHE** — now playing a vital role for title-chasing Villa.



● **TONY WOODCOCK** — now with Cologne in the West German Bundesliga.

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anybody — Withe, Tony Woodcock, Steve Elliott, Garry Birtles — who could score a goal or two!

Goalscoring strikers are like gold and although he's never been a great goalscorer Withe got his share for us, including four on one occasion against Ipswich.

Now he's having his share of the limelight in Villa's success. But he still ought to go down on his bended knee and thank Ron Saunders for what he did.

I know, too, what we did for him at Forest after signing him from Birmingham in our Second Division days.

Peter Taylor had always fancied him — and almost took him to Brighton on one occasion — so when the opportunity to buy him for Forest came along, we lived in.

He was a very popular player at the City Ground and it's history now that he helped us in promotion and then the First Division Championship and League Cup.

But soon after that Peter ought he wasn't being paid enough and, while he was in a dispute over terms, handed in a

transfer request.

Believe it or not, Peter Taylor and I have not been faced with players asking for transfers too many times and the fact that Withe wanted to leave us after sharing in such success did rankle a bit.

Newcastle were interested in signing him and were willing to pay our price, and even though Peter came to see me at a late stage wanting to reconsider, the transfer went through.

Despite his departure from Forest when he was experiencing the most successful spell in his career, there is absolutely no ill-feeling between us.

I liked Peter a lot — his little lad Jason used to be one of my most regular visitors — and I'm delighted that he's having more success with Villa.

NOW see what Match Weekly columnist Gary Shaw has to say about his striking partner Peter Withe later in this issue.

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Spurs — my tip for the Cup

SPURS are my tip to win the League Cup this season . . . despite their tough away draw at West Ham in the quarter-finals.

The last time the two London rivals met in the competition was in season 1975-76 when Spurs came out 2-0 winners at Upton Park after a 0-0 draw at White Hart Lane.

Tottenham didn't enter the League Cup for the first six seasons but their first ever tie in the competition was in fact against West Ham (in season 1966-67) when the Hammers won 1-0.

So this is the decider.

Trevor Cross, four goals for West Ham in the competition so far, is Spurs big danger.

And while my head says West Ham, my heart says Spurs to win.

The Hammers will have to make do with First Division football next season.

● Later in this issue Spurs midfield maestro Glenn Hoddle previews the clash with West Ham in his regular column.

Blues fans can only dream



Right: Keith Bertschin — scored one of the goals when Birmingham beat Liverpool at Anfield.

LIVERPOOL, bidding to win the League Cup for the first time, must now overcome Birmingham . . . the last side to win at Anfield.

That now famous victory occurred on January 21, 1978.

In front of 48,000 fans, goals from Gary Emmanuel, Keith Bertschin and finally a Trevor Francis penalty gave Birmingham a 3-2 win . . . on the day when Graeme Souness made his home debut!

No club since then has managed to beat Liverpool on their own ground.

So it would be incredible if Birmingham could do it again in what will be the two club's first clash in the League Cup.

Blues' fans can dream I suppose, but it has to be Liverpool's name going into the draw for the semi-finals.

Kenny Dalglish (four goals in the competition so far) and David Johnson (three) pose a formidable threat to the Birmingham defence where Colin Todd has been outstanding.



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Goal-crazy Hornets won't sting again

GOAL-CRAZY Watford — responsible for two of the biggest upsets of the soccer season so far — are destined to bow out of the League Cup against Coventry next Wednesday.

And that bold prediction is sure to PLEASE fans of the Second Division side.

Fact is I have written them off in all of the last three rounds . . . and been proved wrong on each occasion.

No way am I going to be blamed for changing their luck!

On paper Coventry don't pose as big a threat to Watford as did Southampton and Nottingham Forest — two of the big guns already stung out of the competition by the Hornets.

And their progress to the quarter

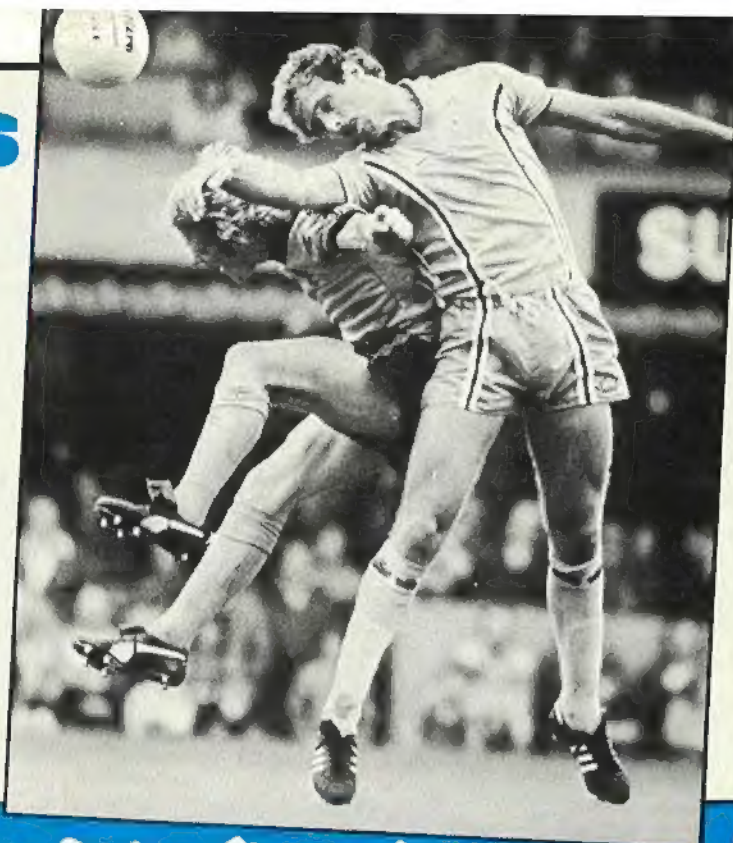
finals has been a complete contrast to the cavalier journey of their next opponents.

Coventry defender Paul Dyson has been a major influence in his team's cup run so far and Tommy English is the striker Watford must look to contain as the man most likely to score.

For Watford, mid-fielder Wilf Rostron has been their star man in no less than four of their previous six matches in the League Cup.

Striking partners Luther Blissett and Ross Jenkins have also starred and they are responsible for seven of Watford's 17 goals in the competition so far.

RIGHT: Coventry's Paul Dyson, seen here in a heading duel with Wolves' Andy Gray, has been a revelation at the back for his team in past rounds.



STRATTON On the League Cup

Can you beat Paul's predictions?

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WATFORD v COVENTRY	1-2			
WEST HAM v SPURS	0-1			
MAN CITY v WEST BROM	0-2			
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West Brom to end City hopes

WEMBLEY was the venue and the League Cup final the event when Manchester City and West Brom last met in the competition.

That time City came out 2-1 winners thanks to goals from Mick Doyle (now Stoke) and Glyn Pardoe.

The Maine Road side were also victorious in their only other League cup encounter with Albion back in season 1966-67.

The scoreline that day was 4-2.

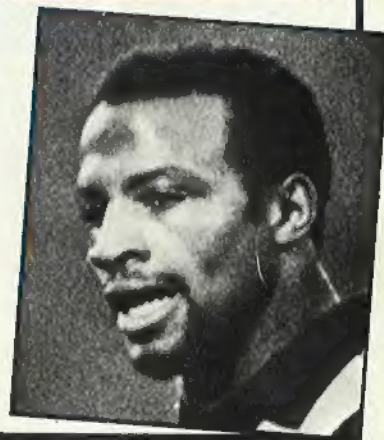
It's time for West Brom to take their revenge and I go for the Midlands side to reach the semi-finals.

Tony Henry, Dave Bennett and Denis Tueart (four goals in the last round) are the three responsible for City's 11 goals in the competition.

But Kevin Reeves has also starred on a couple of occasions.

West Brom have just seven goals to their credit and a lot depends on the form of Cyrille Regis, but I take them to win 2-0.

Above right: Cyrille Regis of West Bromwich Albion, whose two goals finally disposed of gallant Preston North End in the previous round.



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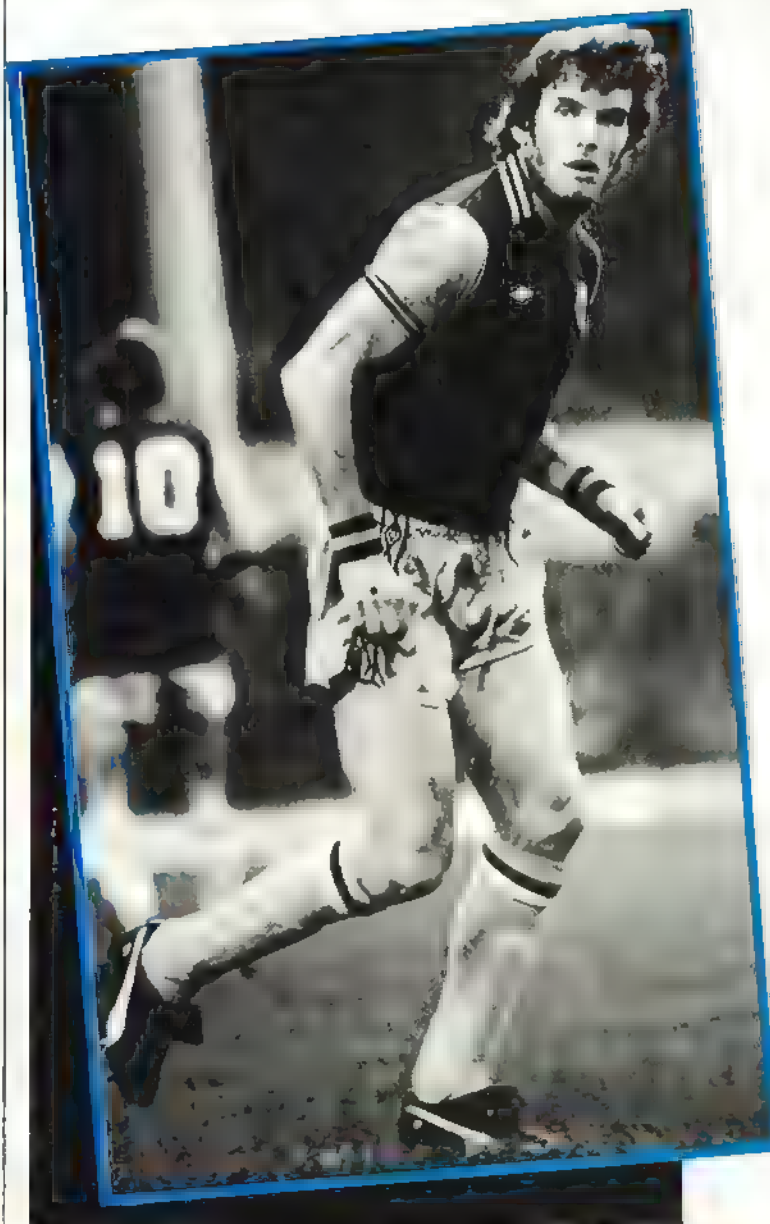
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Salute Pete



PETER WITHE must take a lot of the credit for my goals this season.

He has provided me with some great chances since he joined us from Newcastle in the close season.

There were a lot of times last season when I felt we needed a player of Peter's height and experience in the Villa forward line.

His size means he's always likely to win the ball in the air. And he's great at knocking it down for me to have a crack at goal.

Added to that he has very good ball control on the ground and he's always quick to spot a scoring chance himself.

I tend to let my head drop sometimes when things are not going so well and having Peter around helps on those occasions too.

He's great at geeing me up!

Reputation

Finishing has always been one of my strongest points. Even at school I had a reputation for being able to put the ball into the back of the net.

And, of course, with the lads at Villa playing very well together as a team it is bound to provide me with excellent scoring chances.

I'm not finding it more difficult to score this season — even though I think it's fair to say I'm being more closely marked.

I think the experience I have gained is helping to combat the extra attention I'm getting.

But early on this season I

Left: Peter Withe — good in the air and on the ground.

Roasted...then I hit three!

VILLA'S match at Bristol City last season is one that I will never forget.

At one stage I was playing so badly that manager Ron Saunders was thinking of pulling me out of the game.

Twenty-minutes later I had scored the first hat-trick of my career!

The boss gave me a right roasting at half time but suddenly everything went right and I had set up a Villa victory.

That afternoon in December has to be the highlight of my short career so far.

We won the game 3-1 and I can still remember all three goals...

The first was from a Gordon Cowans corner. His kick found me on the blind side of goal and I just nodded it into the net.

The second was perhaps the best of my career so far — I picked up a ball from Brian Little in my own half, beat a couple of players and hit the ball from 30 yards. It just shot into the top corner.

My last was quite important because City had just retrieved a goal. Ken McNaught found me with a good pass; I beat a Bristol defender and slotted the ball just inside the near post.

I was given the match ball, signed by the players, and that's one of my most prized possessions.

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wasn't taking full advantage of the openings being created for me.

Since then I have become more ruthless in the box and the goals have been going in.

And while I haven't set myself any targets I believe most strikers aim to score at least 20 goals in a season.

I've managed to get off to a great start, but I don't believe my general play has been that good and now I'm working hard to improve my all round contribution to the team performance.

THE GARY SHAW STORY



I'll be patient

THERE are so many good young forwards around today that I know I must be patient and wait for my chance of England honours.

I have been a member of the last two England Under-21 squads and that's whetted my appetite for further international honours, to add to my nine youth caps.

I know the onus is on me to turn in good performances and keep scoring the goals.

The biggest disappointment of my career happened while I was representing my country — defeat in the semi-final of the Little World Cup in 1978-79.

We had played so well in the previous rounds. I had scored in each of our three games — and we were the favourites to get through to the final.

It was a terrible anti-climax because we didn't play well and we were beaten 1-0.

Still, playing for my country on foreign soil was a great experience and one that can only help my career.

Gary Shaw

NEXT WEEK

I shall be telling you about my other sporting love and revealing the name of my favourite player.

Left: Gary Shaw in full flight for Villa.

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23. Famous former star of Brazil who's a bit 'hopeless'! (4)

Across

1. Edinburgh Premier Division club newly nicknamed "The Jam Tarts" (6)
4. You're probably a member of your favourite team's supporters' (4)
9. 'Mr O S Lee' (Anagram) — Leicester signed him from Partick this summer (7)
- 10 & 14 across. This Scottish Division Two side shares bits of its name with West Bromwich and Blackburn (6,6)
11. Alliance Premier League side that should have cleanest-looking players! (4)
12. The ball must leave the penalty — for a goal kick to be valid (4)
13. Mr Bowles, maybe? (4)
14. See 10 across
17. This club with a name meaning 'East' plays in East London (6)
18. The keeper mustn't move his — until a penalty has been taken (4)
20. Nottingham Forest's nickname (4)
21. Gary — was top-scorer for Aston Villa last season (4)
24. Some clubs wear striped shirts, but QPR's are — (6)
25. Take the ball along by repeatedly tapping it (7)
26. Mansfield's ground is called Field (4)
27. A fair one should be made with the shoulder (6)

Down

1. Because of a fire Bristol Rovers have had to play some of this season's matches on Bristol City's ground (4)
2. 'Hello, Aberdeen — but can you spot another Scottish club? (5)
3. Ripe shot' (anagram) — brings the awards handed out at the season's end (8)
- 5 & 8 down. Swansea signed this flying Wales winger from Burnley last May (8,5)
6. Scottish international Eamonn who moved from Chelsea to Dundee United (6)
7. Players in cup finals are given them (6)
8. See 5 down
15. No striker should miss this! (4,4)
16. Manager who led Birmingham City back to Division One (3,5)
17. In a position where a goal would count (6)
18. The London club was relegated to Division Three for this season (6)
19. Brian Clough manager here after Revie (5)
22. One of Newport County's colours (5)

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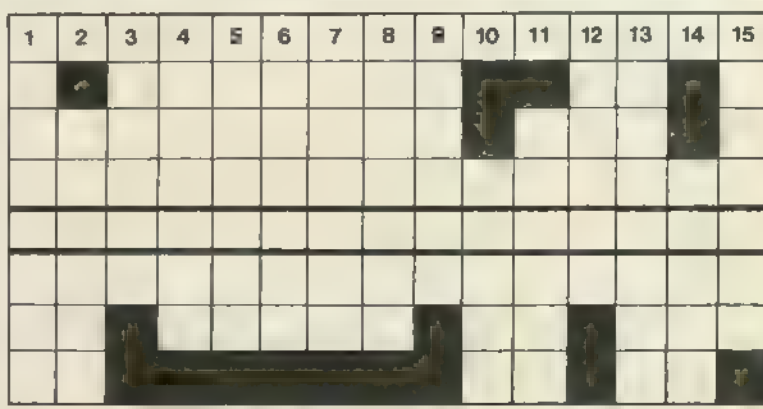
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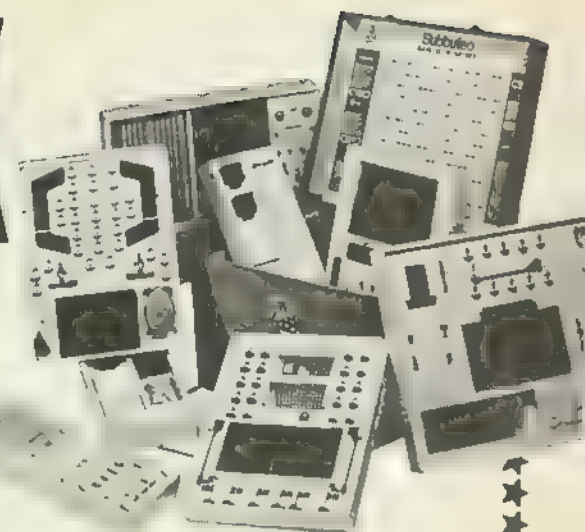


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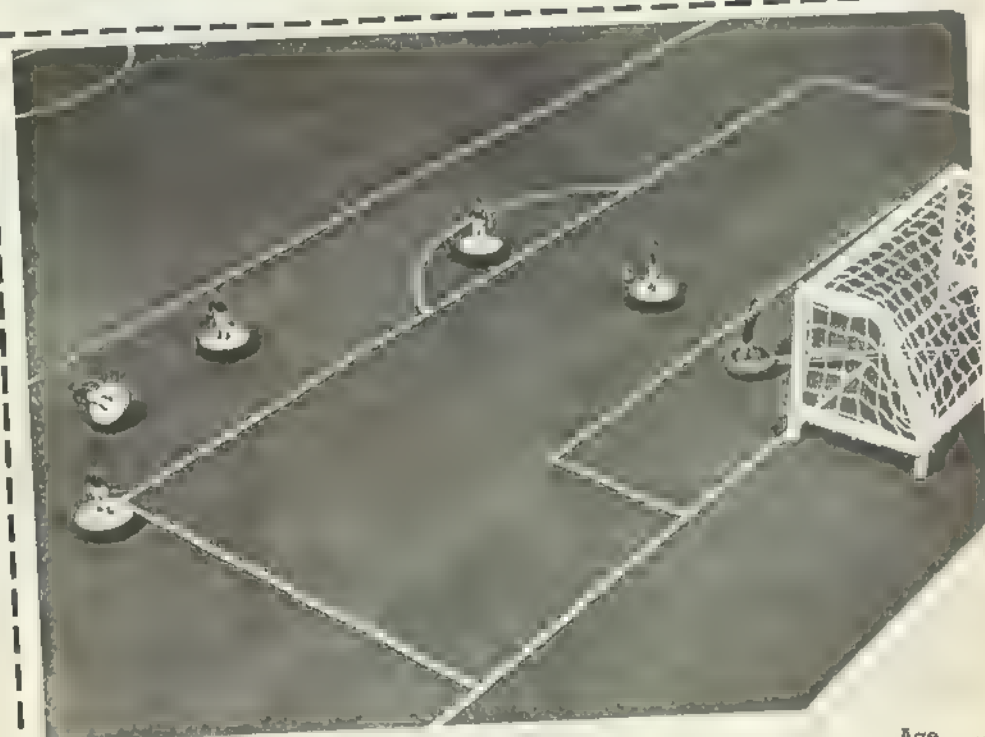
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- 4 — A time of year is a Road associated with Hibernian.
- 5 — An Athletic team in the Second Division.
- 6 — Arsenal's David is an Eire player.
- 7 — New York's famous soccer team.
- 8 — Portsmouth's nickname.
- 9 — St. Johnstone come from this town.
- 10 — Sunderland's Park.
- 11 — The Men from Ayr United are this.
- 12 — The Crooks who is now a Spur.
- 13 — What Sheffield Wednesday are known as.
- 14 — Blackburn Rovers can be found at this Park
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Donna Poole (15), 2 Peartree Road, Smethwick, Warley, West Midlands.

I would like a boy pen pal who lives in the Manchester area and supports Manchester United

Brian Sherry (10), Benevin, Töllinagrunnat, Castle Blaney, Co. Monaghan, Dublin, Eire.

I would like a pen pal of between 12 and 15-years-old who supports Manchester United. My other favourite hobby is swimming and I am also a great fan of Blondie.

Debbie Smith, 27 Ennerdale Close, Wamdon, Worcester.

I am 11-years-old and support Leicester and Liverpool. I would like a pen pal with similar interests

David Rolleston, 83 Faire Road, Glenfield, Leicester.

Hooliganism? The players can help

PLAYERS themselves could, I believe, do more to help stop hooliganism at our soccer grounds.

Say for instance there is some trouble in the crowd as the teams are warming up before the start of the match.

Maybe it would help if all the players went over to where the fighting was and tried to calm things down.

The troublemakers might just listen to the soccer idols whose names they chant.

Right: West Ham goalkeeper Phil Parkes: "I think he's brilliant."

SPURS
AND
ENGLAND
STAR

GLENN

Looking for a win at Anfield ... after 68 years!

Left: Alan Hansen on the ball for Liverpool: "A fantastic player."



WEST BROM are our opponents in the League at White Hart Lane on Saturday.

On their day they can be a very, very hard side to beat.

They have a number of players who can turn a match — striker Cyrille Regis, winger Peter Barnes and midfielder Bryan Robson to name three.

Albion had a good season the year before last and they look to be back in something like the same rhythm this time around.

The following Saturday it's Liverpool away and their home record is something else.

I am not going to say we will be the first team to beat them since Birmingham did in January, 1978.

Nevertheless we will go to Anfield looking for two points even though it's 68 years since Spurs achieved a win there!

On our last visit a lot of the Liverpool players said we were the best side they had faced that season, even though we lost 2-1.

The year before that however they beat us 7-0. It was unbelievable.

Cross and Goddard are men to watch

ALL the lads at Spurs were in such a determined mood when we played Arsenal in the last round of the League Cup that I could sense we weren't going to get beaten.

It's always nice to win a cup tie, but we were especially pleased after this one because we broke the Arsenal hoodoo.

I think we deserved our 1-0 victory in the end.

In fact we could have won by a bigger margin.

There have been a lot of times when we have played really well against Arsenal but still lost.

Now we have to face West Ham at Upton Park in the quarter-finals next Wednesday.

They are on top of the world at the moment, but life is a lot easier in the Second Division.

You can get too used to playing Second Division sides.

I remember when Spurs were top of the Second Division and we came up against First

Division Coventry in the cup. We lost 3-2 at home.

Obviously David Cross and Paul Goddard will need some watching because they've been sticking the goals in.

But West Ham have to be worried about our own Steve Archibald and Garth Crooks.

There are going to be goals to be had in the game because we are two attack-minded lads, but a draw for us would have to be a good result.

I don't think for a minute we will be playing for the draw however. With the type of players we have in the side we can't go there and defend.

There was a time when West Ham relied heavily on Alan Devonshire and Trevor Brooking, but now they have all-round ability.

And at the end of the day we've got to beat Phil Parkes in the West Ham goal.

I regard Phil as a brilliant keeper.

Right: Garth Crooks of Spurs — he's one for West Ham to worry about, says Glenn.



HODDLE

WRITES FOR MATCH

Liverpool are always so well organised at the back.

To begin with you have to beat Ray Clemence in goal — obviously he's world class.

And the more I see of Alan Hansen the more I think what a fantastic player he is.

Up front of course they have Kenny Dalglish. There's no better striker in the country.

Whatever happens however it's going to be a marvellous occasion — the kind of match when you think to yourself 'this is the place to be.'

Glenn Hoddle

GLENN HODDLE (right) will be back in a fortnight's time. Meanwhile don't miss what Arsenal's Kenny Sansom has to say next week.



KNOW YOUR CLUB WEST BROM

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PETER BARNES
West Brom's record
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RECORD DEFEAT: 3-18 v Stoke, Division One, February 4, 1937.
MOST LEAGUE POINTS: 104 Division One, 1915-28.
MOST LEAGUE GOALS: 116 Division One, 1929-38.
HIGHEST LEAGUE SCORER IN SEASON: William 'Ginger' Richardson, 39, Division One, 1935-36.
MOST AGGREGATE LEAGUE GOALS: 219 Tony Brown, 1963-80.
MOST CAPPED PLAYER: Stuart Williams, 33 for West Brom (43 in all), Wales.
MOST LEAGUE APPEARANCES: 574, Tony Brown, 1963-80.
RECORD TRANSFER FEE RECEIVED: £395,000 from Real Madrid for Laurie Cunningham, June, 1979.
RECORD TRANSFER FEE PAID: £748,000 to Man. City for Peter Barnes, July, 1979.
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ADDRESS OF CLUB SHOP: Albion Club Shop, The Hawthorns, West Bromwich.



That was the week that was Nov 29-Dec 6

FERGUSON FIRES FOUR!

DATELINE: December 1, 1979 . . . Ipswich Town manager Bobby Robson lays down the gauntlet to Coventry striker Mick Ferguson . . . 'score a goal against us and I'll sign you'. Mick replies with four!

IPSWICH TOWN manager Bobby Robson's attempt to put Coventry City striker Mick Ferguson on the spot blew up in his face.

Mick replied to the manager's taunt by hammering four goals past the First Division strugglers in the 'Sky Blues' 4-1 win at Highfield Road.

"I think the Ipswich manager was trying to put me under a little pressure — but his plan worked the opposite way," said Mick.

Above left: Coventry's Mick Ferguson beats Ipswich defender Kevin Beattie to the ball.

"I really enjoyed the first goal. Kevin Beattie tried to control a cross from Steve Hunt on the edge of the box — but the ball fell loose and I whacked a fierce shot past the keeper with my right.

"The second was a close range effort after a scramble in the penalty area, but the third was quite special.

"Full-back Mick Coop started the move with a pass to me. I flicked it to Andy Blair, who found Steve Hunt on the left.

"He crossed the ball and I met it with a diving header.

"A misunderstanding between the Ipswich defenders and goalkeeper Paul Cooper set me up for my fourth — I just nipped in between them.

"I heard nothing after the match from Bobby Robson. I think he was too upset to talk to anybody," said Mick, who remained a Coventry player despite his magical display.

DATELINE: November 28, 1979 . . . Frank Worthington of Bolton joins Second Division Birmingham City in a £150,000 deal.

DATELINE: December 4, 1976 . . . Brotherly love as Carlisle striker Frank Clarke misses a penalty conceded by his brother Derek of Orient.

DATELINE: December 6, 1976 . . . Bruce Rioch turns down a move to Everton, but Anderlecht striker Duncan McKenzie decides to join the Goodison Park club for £200,000.

DATELINE: December 6, 1977 . . . Terry McDermott scores his first hat-trick for Liverpool as the European Champions hammer Hamburg (and Kevin Keegan) 6-0 in the Super Cup. Kenny Dalglish, David Fairclough and Phil Thompson are the other scorers.

So cold — but Anderson warmed the fans

DATELINE: November 29, 1978 . . . Viv Anderson becomes the first black player to represent England . . . and sets up his country's winner!

ASK Nottingham Forest defender Viv Anderson what he remembers of his debut for his country and he will tell you: "It was very cold!"

But the attacking right back is too modest to admit that it was he who helped set up England's only goal in their 1-0 win over Czechoslovakia at Wembley.

He started the move from defence which saw Tony Currie's cross hammered home by Man United's Steve Coppell.

"I was very nervous at first but the rest of the lads in the team were really great and made me feel at home," said Viv.

"England manager Ron Greenwood told me to go out there to enjoy myself and savour the occasion and that's just what I did — it was a tremendous experience.

"The call up was quite a shock because I did not really expect to make the England team so soon. At the time I was concentrating on staying in the Nottingham Forest team," added Viv — who has now made five appearances for his country.

Right: VIV ANDERSON of Nottingham Forest.



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IPSWICH TOWN

SINCE he joined Arnold Muhren in February 1979 to complete Ipswich Town's double dutch partnership, Frans Thijssen has made Bobby Robson the envy of many First Division managers with his unhurried, elegant skills.

Now the Holland World Cup schemer has joined MATCH WEEKLY to pass on his knowledge of the game to our readers in a three week series, which will concentrate on passing techniques.

"WHEN Arnold Muhren and I both played for Dutch side FC Twente Enschede, we loved to set up free-kicks in which Arnold ran past me,

beside the 'wall', and I chipped my kick over it and into his path to score", says Frans.

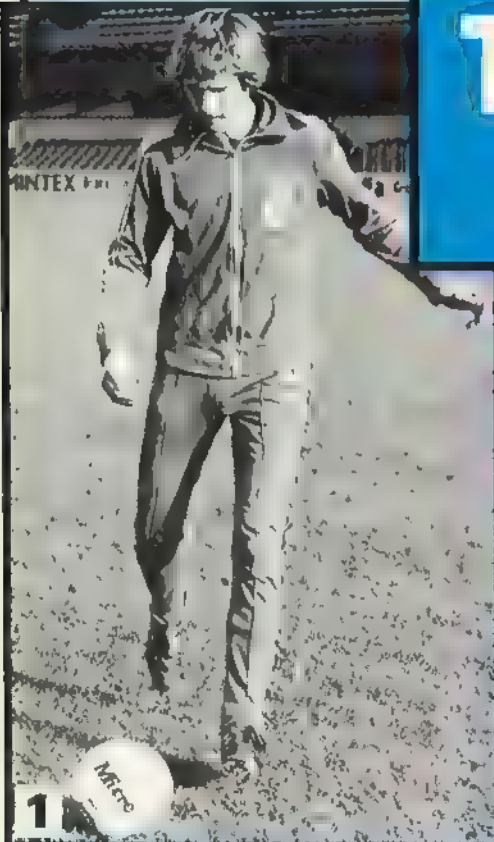
"It worked many times but it is more successful at Ipswich either as a pass into space for George Burley's overlap down the right or to find our target men, Paul Mariner and Alan Brazil.

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Frans Thijssen

IPSWICH TOWN



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KOP HOLD THE KEY

LIVERPOOL are not as good a side as many people try to make out.

One of the main reasons they have had so much success in recent years can be put down to the support they receive at Anfield.

The Kop do a tremendous job motivating Liverpool. I wonder what sort of results they would get in front of a mediocre 18,000 crowd every week.

Twice this season they have been

beaten by lower teams and I think that the atmosphere at Bradford (1-0) and Leicester (2-0) upset them.
Geoffrey Kinch (13), Eaton, Norwich, Norfolk.

● **OFF YOU GO!** You get the red card. You Liverpool 'knockers' really make me angry.

You are just jealous that your own teams can't match their high standards.

OUTRAGED!

I'm Anthony Hawkswell and I'm in charge of the Outraged column.

I'll stand no nonsense... any back chat and you could get sent off!

I'll be giving the red card to what I judge to be the letter of the week. And yellow cards to any others published.

And to make it more interesting I'll pay £5 for the red card and £2 for each yellow card.

But be warned, I'm the ref and my decisions stand!

Send your letters to Outraged, Match Weekly, Midgate House, Midgate, Peterborough.



BOOKED!

I AM outraged at the amount of bookings handed out by referees recently.

I saw the recent Nottingham Forest — Southampton match and was amazed to see the ref hand out seven bookings and send off Saints defender Malcolm Waldron.

Only one of these offences was bookable. The referee over-reacted in each case.

I don't believe refs are physically fit enough to keep up with play.

Gordon Person (13), Tattershall, Lincs.

● **MY YELLOW card comes out to you.** The ref gives out bookings only to people who deserve them — and you deserve one!

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Leeds lads for Scotland

I CANNOT understand why Scotland team boss Jock Stein persists in playing Andy Gray (Wolves) and John Robertson (Nottingham Forest) when there are players the class of Derek Parlane and Arthur Graham around.

I reckon that if the Leeds pair had played in the recent match against Portugal at Hampden Park then the Scots would have won 3-0 instead of drawing 0-0.

Petri Kukkonen, Valkeala, Finland.

● **YOU'RE BOOKED!** Robertson is the most exciting winger in Britain and Gray (who is currently injured) is one of the best strikers in the game.

Graham and Parlane are hardly setting the First Division alight.

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Perfect Perryman

AFTER watching the recent Spurs v Middlesbrough match I am inclined to doubt the truth of your Match Facts.

I was outraged to see that Steve Perryman only got a seven rating after such a brilliant performance.

I think he should have got at least ten points.

Michael Page (15), Leckhampton, Cheltenham, Gloucs.

● **YOU'RE name goes in the book.** The official translation for a mark of ten is 'Out of this world' — that means the player should turn in a better than perfect display. Stop watching the game through black and white tinted glasses!

THE MEETING of
Football League
chairmen which looked
at ways to improve the
game really set you
thinking.

Here's a selection of
views from readers on
the ideas that have been
put forward . . .

No goals — no points!

I HAVE come to the conclusion that
teams should not get any points for
a 0-0 draw.

There are bound to be people
who will argue that you can get an
entertaining 0-0 draw, but I believe
teams winning and scoring goals is
what thrills the crowds.

I believe that three points should
be awarded for an away win, two
points for a home victory, one point
for a score draw and nothing for 0-0.

A bonus point for every goal
scored over three would also
encourage teams to give up their
negative tactics.

Adrian Fleet, Wellington, Somerset.

Goof of the Week

TOP Spanish club Barcelona certainly got a
bargain when they bought European
Championship hero Bernd Schuster from
Cologne.

According to this cutting, sent in by
Grg Littlewood (12), of Woodborough,
Notts, the Spaniards bought the star for
just £1 — cheap at half the price!

SCHUSTER MOVES

Bernd Schuster, the West
German international, was
transferred from Cologne to
Spanish club Barcelona for £1

TV football

I AM angry at the amount of times the
television companies cover Liverpool,
Manchester United, Ipswich and West
Brom.

I am getting really bored watching the
same old faces week in week out.

It's about time they took a look at other
less fashionable teams such as Stoke,
Coventry or Middlesbrough.

Simon Howard, Stone, Staffs.

Reward the goal ~getters

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WINNER**

THE proposed three points for a win is a complete non-starter as far as
encouraging attacking football is concerned.

It could have the opposite effect.

If two attacking teams take part in a classic match and draw 4-4
they will have played well all for one point.

Whereas if a team gets an early goal the incentive to defend it will
be much greater if they know they are going to get three points for it.

If the system needs changing at all I suggest that the Football
League give an extra point to teams scoring over three goals.

David Gearing, Huddersfield, West Yorks.

TERRACE TALK

'On yer bike Emlyn' ➡

I THINK Wolves defender Emlyn Hughes
should consider giving up the game
now.

The ex-Liverpool and England
defender has lost a lot of his old skill
and is not as fast as he used to be.

He cannot win the ball anymore and
that makes him prone to commit more
fouls.

Take a piece of advice Emlyn — retire
while you are still respected.
John McCartney (13), Orford,
Warrington, Cheshire.

Right: 'ON YER BIKE EMLYN' — says
John McCartney, of Orford, Warrington.

Don't pick on Pike

I HAVE been a regular at Upton Park for the
last few years and it makes me angry to hear
criticism of West Ham's Geoff Pike

Although he is small, he has plenty of skill
and aggression and a terrific shot.

I think that in the next couple of years he
will be in contention for a full England cap

Mark Sach, Grays, Essex.

Only Arsenal and Forest are boring

THE Football League chairman were
looking at the wrong things when they
discussed their ideas on improving the
game.

I feel that the main thing keeping the
fans away is the high cost of watching a
Football League game nowadays.

I know clubs need money, but to
charge around £5 to sit and watch
football seems far too steep — fans can't
afford to fork out that much week in and
week out.

I do not believe there has been a drop
in footballing standards — only Arsenal
and Nottingham Forest can be classed
as boring.

Michael Fenton, Woolton, Liverpool

Abolish offside

THE NEW plan to introduce three
points for a win is a great idea and
I believe it will help make the
game more entertaining.

It will help encourage teams to
play more open attacking football
both home and away.

I believe that a good move would
be for the football authorities to
abolish the offside law — goals
are what the game is about.

Mark Johnson (15), Bishop
Auckland, Co. Durham.





Getting to grips with Swiss substitute Andre Egli during the World Cup qualifier at Wembley last week is England scorer Paul Mariner For match details see Match Facts.

Match FACTS

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Match FACTS

Player ratings

- 10 — Out of this world
- 9 — Outstanding
- 8 — Excellent
- 7 — Good
- 6 — Adequate
- 5 — Off form
- 4 — Poor

Match rating

- ★★★★★ A classic
- ★★★★ Good value
- ★★★ Satisfactory
- ★★ Dull
- ★ Waste of money

Omitted from last week's
Match Facts

Wednesday, Nov. 12

SCOTTISH

League Cup, Semi-Final First Leg

DUNDEE UNITED (1) 1 (Bannon 23)
CELTIC (0) 1 (Nicholas 82)
Att 14,000

Saturday, Nov. 15

Division Four

TORQUAY (0) 1 (Jones 82)
CREWE (0) 0
Att 1,858
Torquay: ★O'KEEFE 7, Jones 6,
Pethard 6, Sermanni 6, Bourne 6,
Rioch 6, Fell 6, Lawrence 6, Bowker 6
(sub Coffill 5), Twitchin 5, Weston 5
Crewe: Mulhearn 6, Lewis 6, Bowers
6 Hunter 6, ★SCOTT 7, Prohett 6,
Davies 6, Coyne 5, Guy 6, Palios 5,
(sub Wilkinson 6), Nelson 6
Referee: D Reeves (Uxbridge)
Match Rating: ★★

(Continued from last week)

SCOTTISH

PREMIER DIVISION

AIRDRIE (0) 1 (McGuire 89)
CELTIC (3) 4 (Aitken 12, McGarvey
15, Nicholas 25, McAdam 84)
Att 16,000
Airdrie: Martin 6, Erwin 6, Rodger 6,
Anderson, G 6, Anderson, N 6,
Gordon 7, Walker 7, McKeown 6,
Clark 6, ★McGUIRE 8, McCluskey, A
■
Celtic: Bonner 6, ★McGRAIN 8,
Reid 7, Weir 6, McAdam 7, Aitken 6,
Provan 7, McGarvey 7, Nicholas 7,
Burns 7, McCluskey, G 7
Referee: L B Thow (Falkirk)
Match Rating: ★★

DUNDEE UNITED (1) 2 (Dodds 40,
Sturrock 83)
ST MIRREN (0) 0
Att 5,024
Dundee Utd: McAlpine 7, Stark, D 6,
Kopel 6, Narey 7, Hegarty 7, Bannan
7, Payne 6, Dodds 7, ★STURROCK
8, Pettigrew 7, Holt 6
St Mirren: ★THOMSON 8,
Abercrombie 7, Beckett 6, Richardson
6, Copland 7, Stark, G 6, Hislop 6,
Bone 6, Sommer 7, McDougall 6, Weir
7
Referee: K Hope (Glasgow)
Match Rating: ★★

MORTON (0) 2 (McLaughlin 50,
Rooney 73)
HEARTS (1) 2 (Conn 16, O'Connor

47)
Att 3,500
Morton: Baines 7, Hayes 6, Holmes
6, McLaughlin 8, Orr 7, Rooney 6,
Thomson 6, ★TOLMIE 8, Cochrane
6, Hutchison 6 (sub McNeil 7),
Ritchie 7
Hearts: Brough 7, Hamilton 6,
Shields 6, Liddel 7, McVie 7,
Masterton 6, Robinson 6, Gibson 7,
★MacDONALD 8, Conn 7, O'Connor
6
Referee: T Muirhead (Edinburgh)
Match Rating: ★★

RANGERS (1) 2 (Johnston 16,
Jardine 56)
KILMARNOCK (0) 0
Att 16,000
Rangers: McCloy 7, ★JARDINE 8,
Dawson 6, Forsyth 7, Jackson 7, Bett
7, McClean, T 6, Redford 7,
Johnstone 7, MacDonald 6,
Johnston 7
Kilmarnock: Brown 6, McClean, R 7,
Robertson 7, Clarke 6, ★McDICKEN
8, Maxwell 6, Mauchlen 7,
Crammond 6, McBride 6, Bourke 7,
Houston 6
Referee: A. Ferguson (Kilmarnock)
Match Rating: ★★

Division One

AYR (0) 1 (Morns 53)
CLYDEBANK (0) 0
Att 2,279
DUMBARTON (1) 2 (Donnelly 6,
McGowan 69)
RAITH (1) 2 (Harris 27, Ballantyne
74)
Att 700

FALKIRK (0) 0
DUNDEE (0) 3 (McGeachie 67,
Sinclair 78, 84)
Att 3,500

HIBERNIAN (1) 3 (MacLeod 13, pen
52, Rae 63)
HAMILTON (1) 3 (Graham 44,
Wright 50, Howie 51)
Att 3,700

MOTHERWELL (0) 2 (Irvine 61,
McLeod 87)
BERWICK (0) 1 (Smith 46)
Att 1,890

ST JOHNSTONE (1) 2 (Docherty 33,
Sahsbury 78)
DUNFERMLINE (3) 4 (McNaughton
20, 32, 76, MacFarlane 36)
Att 2,129

STIRLING (1) 4 (Steele 2, Gray 47,
77, Kennedy 57)
EAST STIRLING (2) 2 (McCulley 4,
McCaig 17)
Att 500

Division Two

ALLOA (0) 0
MONTROSE (1) 4 (Murray 43, 53,
Robb 55, Wright 60)
Att 950

ARBROATH (1) 3 (Hislop, og 44,
Harley 48, Yule 85)
STRANRAER (1) 1 (Hood 4)
Att 630

BRECHIN (2) 2 (Cormack 25,
Campbell, I 40)
ALBION (0) 2 (Campbell, N 65, Ross
85)
Att 890

CLYDE (2) 2 (Dempster 10, O'Neil
14)
MEADOWBANK (1) 1 (McCallan 6)
Att 500

COWDENBEATH (0) 0
STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 1 (Hancock
85)
Att 750

EAST FIFE (0) 0
QUEENS PARK (1) 2 (Dickson 24,
McCoy 79)
Att 563

QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (0) 1
(Robertson 49)
FORFAR (1) 1 (Laurie 40)
Att 1,100

Tuesday, Nov. 18

European Under-21 Championship

ENGLAND (4) 5 (In-Albon, og 16,
Owen 21, Fashanu 37, Goddard 42,
Hodgson 83)
SWITZERLAND (0) 0
Att 3,808 At Ipswich

SCOTLAND (1) 2 (Watson 35,
Gillespie 65)
DENMARK (0) 1 (Erikson 64)
Att 11,000

Anglo-Scottish Cup Semi-Final, Second Leg

NOTTS COUNTY (2) 5 (O'Brien, pen
16, Harkouk 36, Kiclinc 57, Christie
63, Hooks 71)
KILMARNOCK (0) 2 (Street 60,
McBride 75)
(Notts County win 7 3 on aggregate)
Att 4,314

Wednesday, Nov. 19

World Cup Qualifying Matches Group Four

ENGLAND (2) 2 (Tanner, og 21,
Mariner 33)
SWITZERLAND (0) 1 (Pfister 75)
Att 70,000
England: Shilton 7, Neal 6, Sansom
6, Robson 7, Watson 6, Mills 6,
Coppell 7, McDermott 5, Mariner 7,
★BROOKING 8 (sub Rix), Woodcock
■

Switzerland: Burgener 6, Wehrli 6,
Hermann 7, Ludi 7, Geiger 7, Barberis
6, Pfister 7, Tanner 6 (sub. Egli 6),
Schonenberger 6 (sub. Marti 6),
Elsener 6, ★BOTTERTON 8
Referee: J. N. I. Keizer (Netherlands)
Match Rating: ★★

Group Four

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	3	2	0	1	7	3	4
Romania	2	1	1	0	3	2	3
Norway	3	1	1	1	3	6	3
Hungary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Switzerland	2	0	0	2	2	4	0

Group Two

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND (4) 6 (Daly
10, 25, Grealish 26, Robinson 40,
Stapleton 46, Hughton 65)
CYPRUS (0) 0
Att 29,000

Other result Belgium 1 Holland 0

Group 2

Rep	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ireland	5	3	1	1	12	6	7
France	2	2	0	0	9	0	4
Belgium	2	1	1	0	2	1	3
Netherlands	2	0	0	2	1	3	0
Cyprus	3	0	0	3	2	15	0

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Group Six

PORTUGAL (0) 1 (Jordao 75)
NORTHERN IRELAND (0) 0
Att 60,000

Group Six

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
N Ireland	3	1	1	1	3	1	3
Portugal	2	1	1	0	1	0	3
Scotland	2	1	1	0	1	0	3
Israel	3	0	3	0	1	1	3
Sweden	4	0	2	2	1	5	2

Group Three

WALES (1) 1 (Giles 10)
CZECHOSLOVAKIA (0) 0
Att 20,175
Wales: Davies 6, Price 7, Phillips 8,
Ratchiffe 8, Nicholas 7, Flynn 8,
★YORATH 9, Thomas 8, Giles 7
(sub Harris 7), Walsh 7, Charles 7
Czechs: Hruska 7, Barrios 6, Vojacek
6, Jurkenik 7 (sub. Janencka 6),
Macela 7, Radmiec 7, Kozak 7
Penanka 7, ★VIZEK 8, Masny 6,
Nehoda 7
Referee: W Eischweiler (W
Germany)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

Group 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wales	3	3	0	0	9	0	6
Russia	2	2	0	0	7	1	4
Iceland	4	1	0	3	4	12	2
Czechoslovakia	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Turkey	2	0	0	2	1	7	0

SCOTTISH

League Cup, Semi-Final, Second Leg

CELTIC (0) 0
DUNDEE UNITED (1) 3 (Pettigrew 4,
Sturrock 54, Dodds 80)
Att 21,000
Aggregate 1-4

DUNDEE (1) 3 (Williamson 22,
Fraser 74, Sinclair 85)
AYR (1) 2 (Christie 36, McCall 58)
Att 9,438
Aggregate 4-3

Saturday, Nov. 22

Division One

ARSENAL (2) 2 (McDermott 30,
Stapleton 43)
EVERTON (0) 1 (Wright 56)
Att 30,911
Arsenal: Jennings 7, Devine 6,
Sansom 7 (sub. Gattling 8), Talbot 6,
O'Leary 6, ★WALFORD 8, Hollins 7,
Sunderland 6, Stapleton 7,
McDermott 7, Rix 7
Everton: McDonagh 7, Gidman 8,
★BAILEY 8, Wright 7, Stanley 7,
Megson 7, McMahon 6, Eastoe 6,

Match FACTS

MATCH WEEKLY

PHIL NEAL

IF YOU would like to ask your favourite star a question then send it to Tackle a Star, Match Weekly, Midgate House, Midgate, Peterborough.

Players soon to appear in Tackle a Star are Bryan Robson (West Brom), Dennis Mortimer (Aston Villa), David Armstrong (Middlesbrough) and Garth Crooks (Spurs).

We'll pay £2 for every question published.

Tackle a Star

Tracy Harness,

from Lowestoft, Suffolk . . .

WHICH team did you support when you were a boy?
PHIL: West Ham were my favourite team Tracy, because I really enjoyed watching their open attacking style of football.

I could not go and see them so I watched them on the television. I especially admired their World Cup winning trio — Geoff Hurst, Martin Peters and Bobby Moore.

I used to go and watch my local team Northampton and they are still very near to my heart because they were the first team I played for.

Bobby Charlton was my favourite player because he was so exciting to watch. I was very lucky to play against him a couple of years back in Tommy Smith's testimonial game and I felt really honoured.

Caroline Sheldrith

from Kings Heath, Northampton . . .

WHAT is the most memorable match you have ever played in?

PHIL: I have played in many memorable games, Caroline, but the one that sticks out as really special was the night we won the European Cup in Rome on May 25, 1977.

We had just been beaten by Manchester United in the FA Cup Final but four days later we came back to win against Borussia Mönchengladbach.

I remember it not only because we won the European Cup for the first time but because of our tremendous fans who made the trip to Italy so soon after the disappointment of Wembley.

The Red Army were there in force and it was a great thrill to be with them.

I scored from the penalty spot near the end of the match which put the icing on the cake for me.



Arthur Cottam



of Wirral, Merseyside . . .

WHAT are your plans when you finally hang up your boots?

PHIL: I have just signed a four year contract at Anfield so that day is quite a way off but I would like to stay in the game in a coaching capacity.

I already do some coaching in the summer and that really appeals to me.

I would like to put something back into the game when I retire and coaching is a good way of doing it.



This week's 'Tackle a Star' guest Phil Neal is pictured here in action against Mark Falco of Spurs



MAXINE BOOTH



from Sheerwater, Woking, Surrey . . .

WHAT do you have for your breakfast on match-day and what other sports do you enjoy?

PHIL: I room with goalkeeper Ray Clemence and it is up to me to order the breakfast. I usually have orange juice, tea, toast and cornflakes plus a couple of newspapers to read!

Golf, squash and swimming are my other favourite sports — I play off a 16 handicap in golf.

I took up golf when I played for Northampton Town and really enjoy the sport because it is so entirely different to soccer.

Paul Ede

of Uttoxeter, Staffs
YOU have won many honours in the game but are there any others that you would still like to win?

PHIL: Well, Paul, I have still to win FA Cup and League Cup winners' medals — although I have appeared in both finals.

We lost to Manchester United in the FA Cup 2-1 in 1977 and to Nottingham Forest 1-0 after a replay at Old Trafford in the League Cup Final of 1977-78.

It would be great to get a World Cup winners' medal with England in Spain in 1982.



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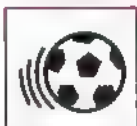
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1 minute ☐



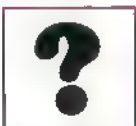
2 Which Striker scored the most goals for England?

Bob Latchford ☐
Bobby Charlton ☐
Alan Sunderland ☐



3 How many European Cup Winners' Medals has Trevor Francis been awarded?

1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐



4 Who scored six goals in a cup tie yet finished up on the losing side?

George Best ☐
Dennis Law ☐
Kenny Dalglish ☐

Decider 'd like to play Electronic Striker with Trevor Francis because

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IAIN Munro, Stoke's £160,000 bargain buy from St Mirren, is a remarkable man of many parts.

Having rejected the chance to join Coventry as a schoolboy, the 29-year-old Scottish international is now back in the Midlands following a chequered career as winger, midfielder and fullback with St Mirren (twice), Hibernian and Rangers, and enjoying every minute of it.

"Although I'm not yet satisfied with my form, I'm enjoying my midfield role and the chance to play with some talented youngsters at Stoke.

"Stoke have had some bad publicity from people who say we play defensively, but we don't go out to pack our defence.

"The team's strength is its defence and it is important, after the club survived its first year in Division One, that we consolidate our position this season.

"Then next year we'll have more confidence in attack," said Iain.

Qualified as a physical education teacher, Iain has a remarkable record of notching early goals for his new clubs, scoring for Hibernian in the Drybrough Cup in 1973, scoring for Rangers on his second outing in 1976 - against Hibs - and opening his account in his second spell with Saints with a goal against Ayr in his second appearance.

"I kept up the sequence with a debut goal for Stoke in our 2-1 win at Southampton," recalled a delighted Iain.

Did he feel overawed about starting a new career in the First Division?

"Not at all. I had talks with Lokeren of Belgium and Hercules of Alicante, Spain, before I agreed to join Stoke and I am convinced my experience will be a great help to the youngsters in the side.

"After all, I made my Scotland debut against Argentina. It was a tough baptism and I did well. So the First Division holds no fears for me."

MATCH WEEKLY

Gow can make City bite back

GERRY GOW stepped into a different world when he signed for Manchester City.

"Everything at the club is so much bigger than I have been used to," said the tough Scottish player who has been bought by manager John Bond to add aggression in City's midfield.

"Bristol City is very much small-time compared to Maine Road — it took me a couple of games to get used to the new atmosphere.

"The crowds are so much bigger and the fans really get behind you — I have never experienced such support before," said Gerry.

The 28-year-old former Bristol skipper was Bond's third signing and followed the arrival of experienced duo Tommy Hutchison and Bobby McDonald from Coventry.

But the City fans must have questioned the decision to add Gow to the Maine Road staff after watching his first couple of games in the first team.

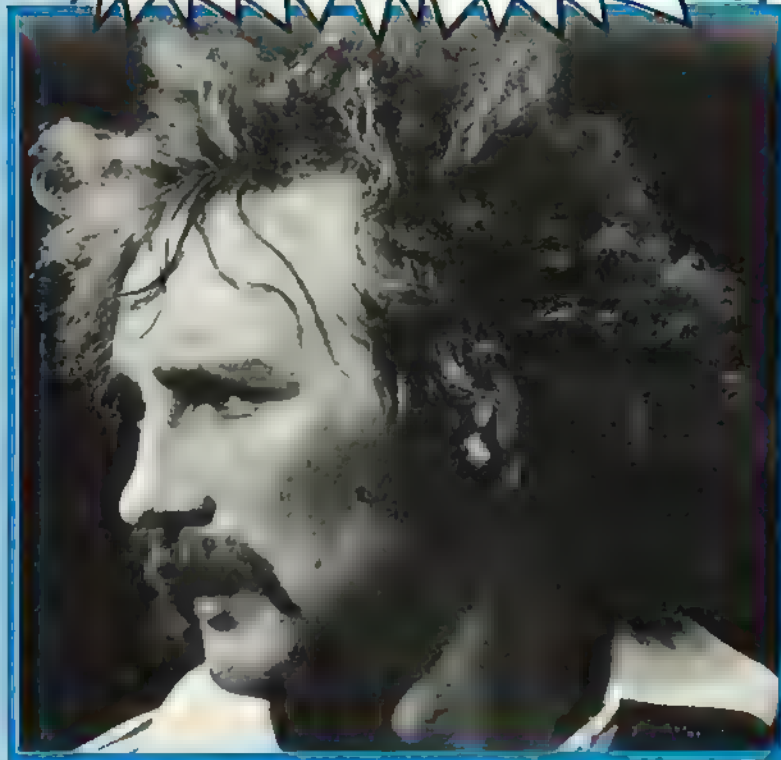
"Things did not exactly go well — I was trying too hard to impress the fans and as a result I was playing badly," said Gerry.

"The manager had a chat with me before our recent game against Southampton. He told me to go out and play my normal game. I did and turned in my best performance for the club and scored my first goal as we won 3-0.

"I know that the boss bought me for my tackling ability and to add more bite in the middle of the field.

"I will sit in midfield and let young Steve Mackenzie push up front."

MATCH writer Anthony Hawkswell talks to Maine Road's newest recruit Gerry Gow . . . a man with a "Tale of Two Cities".



Gerry is confident that Bond's blend of youth and experience can steer City away from the relegation area and help him win honours in the game.

"Former manager Malcolm Allison gathered a lot of good young players here, but he seemed to let them do whatever they wanted on the field.

"With the added experience John Bond has brought in I can see many of the youngsters here going on to be great players."

Robins too good to go down again

REFLECTING on eleven and a half years at Ashton Gate, Gerry Gow gave his troubled former club some words of encouragement.

"Bristol City won't go down again this season — they are far too good for the Third Division."

Gerry, who joined Manchester City in October for £175,000, added: "I really don't know what's gone wrong with them.

"Before the season began I thought Bristol had a great chance of bouncing straight back into the First Division, but

LEFT: Young Manchester City star Steve Mackenzie will get more chance to push up front since the arrival of Gerry Gow from Bristol City.

things have turned out to be very different.

"I was sad to leave Ashton Gate because I enjoyed my stay there — I will miss the fans especially because I had a good relationship with them.

"I thought very seriously about the move, but the offer of a five year contract and another opportunity to play in the First Division was too good to turn down."

In fact the transfer came as quite a surprise for Gerry because just before the move he had talked about his future with new 'Robins' boss Bobby Houghton and was told that no player would be leaving for at least three months.

"John Bond's offer came out of the blue — but I know I won't regret my decision to move," added Gerry.



Match FACTS

ALL THE LATEST MATCH DETAILS

Match FACTS

OLDHAM (0) 0
ORIENT (0) 1 (Parsons 78)
Att 5,707
Oldham: Platt 6, Hoolickin 6, Blair 6, Keegan 6, Clements 7, Hurst 6, Heaton 5, ★**FUTCHER 8**, Gardner 6, Palmer 6, Atkinson 5
Orient: Day 6, Fisher 6, Roffey 6, ★**TAYLOR 8**, Gray 6, Parsons 7, Chiedozi 7, Moores 6, Mayo 6, Bowles 6, Taylor, P 6
Referee: M J. Lovatt (Crewe)
Match Rating: ★★

PRESTON (1) 3 (Naughton 32, 72, Baxter 63)
QPR (0) 2 (Roeder 54, Neal 73)
Att: 6,725
Preston: Tunks 7, Westwell 7, McAteer 7, Burns 7, ★**BAXTER 9**, Blackley 8, Bell 8, Taylor 8, Elliott 8, Naughton 8, McGee 7
QPR: Woods 8, Shanks 7, Gillard 6, Waddock 6, Wicks 7, Howe 7, Roeder 8, King 7, Neal 7, ★**STAINROD 9**, Sikman 7
Referee: T. Farley (Co. Durham)
Match Rating: ★★

SHREWSBURY (0) 1 (Biggins 89)
NOTTS COUNTY (0) 1 (Christie 56)
Att 5,352
Shrewsbury: Wardle 7, King 7, Larkin 7, Potts 6, Griffin 6, Keay 7, Tong 7, ★**ATKINS 8**, Biggins 6, Dungworth 7 (sub Lindsay 6), Cross 7
Notts Co: Avramovic 7, Benjamin 7, O'Brien 7, ★**KELLY 8**, Kilcline 7, Richards 7, McCulloch 6, Harkouk 6, Christie 7, Hunt 6, Hooks 6
Referee: B Hill (Kettering)
Match Rating: ★★

WATFORD (0) 1 (Blissett 88)
BLACKBURN (0) 1 (McKenzie 46)
Att 13,436
Watford: Steele 7, Rice 6, Harrison 6, Blissett 7, Sims 7, ★**JACKETT 8**, Taylor 8 (sub Jenkins 6), Poskett 6, Armstrong 7, Traen 7, Rostron 6
Blackburn: Butcher 6, Branagan 7, Rathbone 7, Kendall 7, ★**KEELEY 9**, Parkes 7, Brotherton 7, Stonehouse 8, Garner 6, McKenzie 7, Speight 7
Referee: A. Gunn (Burgess Hill)
Match Rating: ★★

WEST HAM (0) 2 (Cross 66, Goddard 83) -
SWANSEA (0) 0
Att 27,376
West Ham: Parkes 7, Stewart 6, Lampard 6, Bonds 7, Martin 7, ★**DEVONSHIRE 8** (sub Neighbour), Holland 7, Goddard 6, Cross 6, Brooking 7, Pike 6
Swansea: Stewart 7, Attley 8, Hadzibabic 6 (sub Loveridge), Rushbury 7, Charles 6, Phillips 6, Craig 6, Waddle 4, James, R 5, ★**MAHONEY 8**, Robinson 7
Referee: D Hutchinson (Harrogate)
Match Rating: ★★

FA Cup

First Round

ADDLESTON AND WEYBRIDGE (1) 2 (Morris 25, Donaldson 64)
BRENTFORD (2) 2 (Booker 3, Funnell, pen 21)
Att 6,540
Addlestone: Abel 7, Steer 7, Braithwaite 6, ★**DONALDSON 8**, Harvey 7, Cassidy 7, Groat 6, Graham 7, Morris 7, Bennett 7 (sub Van Den Berg), Finniston 6
Brentford: McKellar 7, Shrubbs 7, Hill 6, McNichol 6, Kruse 6, Hurlock 7, Funnell 7, Harris 6, ★**BOOKER 8**, Walker 7, Crown 7
Referee: D S Vickers (Ilford)
Match Rating: ★★
Played at Griffin Park, Brentford

BARNET (0) 2 (Walker, og 73, Hughes, pen 83)
MINEHEAD (0) 2 (Chick 53, Brown 63)
Att 1,529
Barnet: ★**STEEL 8**, Hardman 6, Foody 6, Millett 7, Robinson 7, Townsend 6, Brinkman 6, Roberts 7, Clayton 7, Hughes 6 (sub French 7), Turner 6
Minehead: Lee 7, Clausen 6, Impey 7, ★**DARKE 8**, Walker 6, Boulton 7, Guscott 7 (sub Bruce 7), Chick 7, Richardson 6, Brown 7, Hodgson 7
Referee: D Letts (Basingstoke)
Match Rating: ★★

BLYTH SPARTANS (1) 2 (Walker, P 6, Mutrie 55)
BURTON (1) 1 (Kent 22)
Att 3,500
Blyth: Clarke 7, Grierson 7, Walker, A 7, Bvarty 6, Mitchinson 7, Dixon 7, Walker, P 7, Johnson 7, Hogan 7, Mutrie 8, ★**BARKER 9** (sub Boylan 7)
Burton: Bradwell 7, Hindley 7 (sub Moore 7), ★**KENT 9**, Fletcher 7, Swan 7, Chapman 7, Fern 8, Davison 7, Nixon 7, Blair 6, Harrison 7 (sub Moore 7)
Referee: -
Match Rating: ★★
Sending Off: Blair (Burton)

BOSTON (0) 0
ROTHERHAM (1) 4 (Taylor 9, Moore 58, 92, Carr 81)
Att 6,004
Boston: Blackwell 4, Leigh 6, Peacock 6, Poplar 5, Annable 5, Adamson 7, ★**CALLERY 8**, Mallender 6, Brown 6, Kabia 7, Simpson 7
Rotherham: Mountford 7, Forrest 7, Brechin 6, Rhodes 6, Standcliffe 7, Mullen 7, Fern 6, Taylor 7, Moore 7, ★**CARR 8**, Henson 6
Referee: G Flint (Kirkby-in-Ashfield)
Match Rating: ★★

BURNLEY (0) 1 (Hamilton 77)
SCARBOROUGH (0) 0
Att 7,789
Burnley: Stevenson 7, Laws 7, Holt 6, Scott 6, Overson 6, Dobson 7, Young 6, Potts 5 (sub Wharton 7), Hamilton 7, Taylor 6, ★**CAVENER 8**
Scarborough: Springett 7, Marshall 7, Dennis 7, Magee 6, Dixey 7, Smith, T 6, Harris 7, Donoghue 6, ★**SMITH, I 8**, Sellers 6, Lewis 5 (sub Gouden 6)
Referee: M J. Heath (Stoke)
Match Rating: ★★

BURSCOUGH (1) 1 (Perry 44)
ALTRINCHAM (2) 2 (Johnson 26, Rogers 33)
Att 1,207
Burcough: Hamilton 6 (sub Griffiths 5), Waugh 6, Crisp 7, ★**BLAKEMAN 9**, Stokes 7, Durnin 6, McFerran 7, Perry 8, Gamble 7, Jaycock 6, Gray 6, Altrincham: Connaughton 7, Allen 7, Davison 7, Owens 8, Bailey 7, King 7, Heathcote 6 (sub Whitbread 6), Barrow 7, Johnson 7, Rogers 8, ★**HOWARD 9**
Referee: D Scott (Burnley)
Match Rating: ★★

CHESTER (1) 1 (Birch 10)
BARNLEY (1) 2 (Cooper 16, Banks 90)
Att 7,135
Chester: Millington 7, Jeffries 5, Raynor 5, Storton 4, Cottam 6, Ludlam 6, Sutcliffe 6, Phillips 7, ★**BIRCH 8**, Jones 6, Burns 6
Barnley: New 5, Joyce 5, Chambers 8, ★**COOPER 8**, Banks 7, McCarthy 6, Evans 7, Riley 6, Aylott 7, Lester 6, Downs 6
Referee: G Nolan (Stockport)
Match Rating: ★★

COLCHESTER (1) 3 (Leigh 26, Allinson 80, Bremner 87)
PORTSMOUTH (0) 0
Att 5,387
Colchester: Walker 7, Cook 6, Rowles 7, Leslie 6, Wignall 7, Packer 6, Hodge 6, Foley 8, Bremner 7, Leigh 8, ★**ALLINSON 9**
Portsmouth: Mellor 7, McLaughlin 6, Viney 6, Barnard 5, Aizlewood 6, Garner 7, ★**PERRIN 8**, Tart 6, Showers 6, Bryant 7, Rogers 6
Referee: C. Maskell (Cambridge)
Match Rating: ★★

DARLINGTON (0) 0
BURY (1) 2 (Jakub 20, Butler 65)
Att 2,912
Darlington: Cuff 6, Kamara 7, Wilson 5, Smith 6, ★**SKIPPER 8**, Speedie 7, Hawker 6, McLean 6, Stalker 6, Hamilton 5, Walsh 6
Bury: Southall 7, Phillips 6, ★**KENNEDY 8**, Gore 6, Hilton 6, Howard 7, Mullen 6, Butler 6, Johnson 7, Jakub 6, Farley 6
Referee: T Morris (Leeds)
Match Rating: ★★

ENFIELD (2) 3 (Holmes 6, Wade 44, Jennings 79)
WEMBLEY (0) 0
Att 852
Enfield: Jacobs 7, Barratt 7, ★**TONE 8**, Jennings 7, Oliver 7, Wade 7, Ashford 6, Bishop 7, Burton 7 (sub Waite 6), Holmes 7, King 7
Wembley: Cambridge 7, Joughis 7, Hatton 6, ★**MURPHY 8**, Lakey 7, Schools 6, Ward 7, Bensted 6, Jackson 7, Cerasoli 7, Read 6 (sub Odunoye 7)
Referee: J. Deakin (Bedford)
Match Rating: ★★

EXETER (2) 5 (Kellow 29, 54, Pearson 47, Roberts, L 82, Hinghelwood, og 37)
LEATHERHEAD (0) 0
Att 4,607
Exeter: Bond 7, Rogers 7, Hatch 7, Forbes 6, Roberts, L 6, Roberts, P 7, Pearson 7, Rogers, P 7, ★**KELLOW 8**, Delve 7 (sub Pratt 8), Pullar 7
Leatherhead: Caswell 7, Dixon 6, Brooks 7, Davies 6, Dyer 6, Malley 6, Cox 6, Hinshelwood 7, ★**KELLY 8**, Crook 6, Doyle 7
Referee: T. D. Spencer (Salisbury)
Match Rating: ★★

FLEETWOOD (0) 0
BLACKPOOL (1) 4 (Entwistle 32, Morris 64, Hockaday 78, 87)
Att 10,897
Fleetwood: Newman 8, Whitehouse 7, Mudie 7, Thomas 7, ★**ROBINSON 9**, Tuson 7, Brown 7, Owen 7, Atherton 7 (sub Moran 7), Robinson 7, Brownwood 8
Blackpool: Hesford 7, Ashurst 7, Williams 7, Ball 5, Greenall 5, McEwan 7, Morgan 7, Doyle 7, ★**ENTWISTLE 8**, Morris 7, Pashley 6 (sub Hockaday 7)
Referee: P Tisley (Stockport)
Match Rating: ★★
Played at Blackpool

GILLINGHAM (2) 2 (Price 21, Ford 29)
DAGENHAM (1) 1 (Kidd 37)
Att 4,390
Gillingham: Hillyard 6, Sharpe 7, Ford 7, Overton 6, Weatherly 7, Crabbe 7, ★**NICHOLL 8**, Duncan 7, Price 6, Bottigliere 6, Walker 6
Dagenham: Cotter 7, Wright 6, Scales 6, Moore 7, Ellen 7, Brinks 6 (sub Horan 6), Ballard 7, Kidd 7, Duck 6, Maycock 6, ★**JONES 8**
Referee: T G Bune (Cranleigh)
Match Rating: ★★

GRAVESEND (0) 1 (Stonebridge 87)
ST ALBANS (0) 2 (Whitehead, pen

55, pen 86)
Att 1,659
Gravesend: Lewington 6, Idle 6, Jacks 6, Barrett 6, Galvin 5, ★**STONEBRIDGE 7**, Dyer 5 (sub Brown 6), Gregory 6, Bryant 5, Busby 6, Dudman 6
St Albans: Plumley 6, Whitehead 7, Levy 6, Droy 6, Leonard 6, Sille 7, Dear 7, ★**COOPER 8**, Lawrence 6, Mayles 6, Butterfield 7
Referee: M Bidmead (Chessington)
Match Rating: ★★

HARLOW (0) 0
CHARLTON (2) 2 (Robinson 32, Hales 45)
Att 6,073
Harlow: Kitson 7, Wickendon 6, Griffiths 6, Gough 7, Clarke 7 (sub Twigg 6), Carrington 6, ★**MANN 8**, Carretta 7, Hardy 6, Parker 7, MacKenzie 7
Charlton: Johns 7, Gritt 7, Madden 7, Shaw 6, Berry 6, Hazell 7, Powell 7, Smith 6, Hales 7, ★**WALKER 8**, Robinson 7 (sub Ostergaard 6)
Referee: R Challis (Tonbridge)
Match Rating: ★★

HULL (0) 2 (Edwards 48, 76)
HALIFAX (0) 1 (Firth 68)
Att 4,024
Hull: Norman 5, ★**NISBET 9**, Horswill 7, Roberts, G 6, Roberts, J 6, Roberts, D 5, Marwood 7, Norrie 6, Edwards 8, McLaren 5, Deacy 6 (sub Flounders 5)
Halifax: Kilner 6, Nattrass 5, Burton 5, ★**EVANS 8**, Goodman 7, Hendrie 6 (sub O'Neil 7), Ward 5, Graham 6, Firth 6, Bullock 5, Stafford 7
Referee: K. Redfern (Whitley Bay)
Match Rating: ★★

KETTERING (0) 1 (Guy, C 83)
MAIDSTONE (0) 1 (Ovard 57)
Att 2,880
Kettering: Walters 6, Duggan 7, Easthall 7, Curtis 6 (sub Guy, C 7), Suddards 7, Haverson 7, ★**PHIPPS 8**, Evans 7, Hofbauer 7, Martin 6, Flanagan 6
Maidstone: ★**GUY, D 9**, Thompson 7, Kinnear 7, Hill 7, Hutton 7, Hamberger 6, Wiltshire 6, Ovord 8 (sub Daubney 7), Woon 7, Aitken 7, Newson 7
Referee: M. Dumblebee (Stevenage)
Match Rating: ★★

KIDDERMINSTER (1) 1 (Wright 29)
MILLWALL (1) 1 (Williams, og 30)
Att 2,500
Kidderminster: Parry 7, Travis 6, Kirby 6, James 7, Nicholls 6, Chambers 8, ★**POWELL 9**, Williams 4, Wright 8, Fleet 6, Gavin 6 (sub Mullen)
Millwall: Jackson 7, Roberts 5, Robinson 5, Chatterton 7, Tagg 4, Sittin 6, Kinsella 6, ★**MEHMET 8**, McKenna 5, Dibble 6, Martin 7
Referee: B. Newsome (Broseley)
Match Rating: ★★

LINCOLN (0) 1 (Turner 74)
GATESHEAD (0) 0
Att 4,543
Lincoln: Felgate 6, Thompson, T 6, Keeley 6, Thompson, S 5 (sub Bell 6), Peake 6, Carr 7, Neale 7, ★**TURNER 8**, Hobson 6, Cunningham 6, Shipley 7
Gateshead: ★**DODDS 9**, Waterson 8, McLeod 8, Parnaby 8, Harrison 8, Cramer 8, Davies 8, Mitchell 8, Topping 8, Hulse 8, Gill 8
Referee: T Mills (Barnsley)
Match Rating: ★★

MANSFIELD (1) 3 (Parkinson, pen 13, pen 83, Caldwell 57)
ROCHDALE (0) 1 (Jones, pen 80)
Att 3,280
Mansfield: Arnold 6, McJannet 6,

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Referee: J. M. Warner (Wednesbury)
Match Rating: ★★★

MOSSLEY (0) 1 (Mobley 82)
CREWE (0) 0
Att 3,822
Mossley: Fitton 7, Brown 7, Mobley 6, Gorman 7, Vaughan 7, Gibson 6, Summerbee 7 (sub. Szabo), Geelan 7, ★SKEETE 8, O'Connor 7, Garmory 6, Crewe: Mulhearn 7, Lewis 7, Bowers 6, ★HUNTER 9, Scott 7, Proffitt 6, Davies 6 (sub. Chesters 6), Wilkinson 6, Conroy 7, Guy 7, Nelson 7
Referee: M. Lowe (Sheffield)
Match Rating: ★★★

NORTHAMPTON (1) 1 (Phillips 5)
PETERBOROUGH (2) 4 (Robson 39, 87, Quow 40, Slack 66)
Att 5,542
Northampton: Poole 7, Saxby 6, Sandercock 5, Walcock 6, Gage 6, Sandy 7, Bowen 5, Denyer 6, Phillips 7, Williams 7, ★HEELEY 8, Peterborough: Waugh 7, McVay 6, Phillips 6, Gynn 7, Slack 7, Slough 7, Quow 6, Kellock 7, Cooke 7, Hodgson 8, ★ROBSON 9
Referee: D. W. Civi (Great Barr)
Match Rating: ★★

NORTHWICH VICTORIA (0) 1 (Denham 86)
HUDDERSFIELD (1) 1 (Stanton 7)
Att 6,885
Northwich: Ryan 7, Eaton 7, Murphy 8, Mayma 8, Forshaw 7, Jones 7, Anderson 8, ★HALL 9, Williams 8,

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OXFORD (1) 1 (Foley 10)
ALDERSHOT (0) 0
Att 4,153
Oxford: Burton 6, Kingston 5, Fogg 6, ★JEFFREY 7, Briggs 6, McIntosh 6, Brock 6, Cassells 6, Berry 5, Foley 6, Lythgoe 5
Aldershot: Johnson 6, Edwards 5, Wooler 5, ★BRILEY 7, Bennett 5, Jopling 6, McGregor 5, Brodie 5, French 5, Crosby 5, Robinson 5
Referee: M. Baker (Wolverhampton)
Match Rating: ★★

PLYMOUTH (0) 2 (Kemp 65, Murphy 74)
NEWPORT (0) 0
Att 6,719
Plymouth: Crudgington 6, McNeil 7, Harrison 6, Hodges 6, Foster 7, Phillpotts-Masters 6, Cooper 6, Kemp 7, Sims 5, ★BASON 8, Murphy 7
Newport: Kendall 7, Warden 7, Relish 6, Davies 5, ★OAKES 6, Tynan 6, Bailey 6, Lowndes 7, Gwyther 5, Elsey 5, Moore 6
Referee: A. R. Glasdon (Salisbury)
Match Rating: ★★

PORT VALE (1) 4 (Bennett 12, Chamberlain, N 51, 54, Beech 73)
BRADFORD (1) 2 (Wood 2, Chapman 74)
Att 4,022
Port Vale: Harrison 6, Brissett 6, Elsie 6, Beech 7, Bowles 8, Sproson 6, Miller 6, Bennett 6, ★CHAMBERLAIN, N 8, Chamberlain, M 7, Bromage 6, Bradford: Smith 5, Thompson 5, Watson 6, Bingham 6, Jackson 6, Wood 6, Chapman 6, McNiven 6, ★CAMPBELL 8, Dolan 6, Hutchins 6
Referee: D. Webb (Sale)
Match Rating: ★★★

READING (0) 1 (Earles 73)
FULHAM (0) 2 (Davies 59, Mahoney 80)
Att 7,485
Reading: Death 6, Joslyn 5, Lewis 7, ★WEBB 8, Hicks 6, Earles 7, Williams 6, Dixon 6 (sub. Kearney 6), Sanchez 6, Beavan 7
Fulham: Peyton 6, Peters 6, Strong 7, Lock 6, Brown 7, Hatter 6, Davies 7, O'Driscoll 6, Gale 7, Mahoney 6, ★GOODLASS 8
Referee: J. E. Martin (Hampshire)
Match Rating: ★★

SCUNTHORPE (1) 3 (Grimes 26, Green 57, Partridge, pen 76)
HARTLEPOOL (1) 1 (Hampton 34)
Att 5,165
Scunthorpe: Neenan 7, Davy 7, Jarvis 6, Grimes 7, Boxall 7, Oates 7, Partridge 6, Cammack 7, Stewart 6, ★GREEN 8, O'Berg 6
Hartlepool: Burleigh 6, Sweeney 7, Brown 7, Hogan 7, Bird 6, ★LINACRE 8, Kerr 6, Lawrence 7, Newton 6, Houchen 7, Hampton 7
Referee: A. Challinor (Rotherham)
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SOUTHEND (0) 0
HEREFORD (1) 1 (Jones 38)
Att 4,922
Southend: Cawston 7, Pennyfather 7, Yates 7, Hadley 5, ★WALKER 8, Cusack 7, Gray 5, Pountney 6 (sub. Nelson 6), Spence 6, Mercer 6, Otulakowski 5
Hereford: Brand 7, ★PRICE 8, Cornes 7, Hicks 7, Thomas 7, Spring 7, Hunt 7, Harvey 7, Bartley 6, White

7, Jones 7
Referee: R. W. Lewis (Gt. Bookham)
Match Rating: ★★

STOCKPORT (0) 0
SHEFFIELD UNITED (0) 0
Att 7,179
Stockport: Lawson 6, Uzela 8, Rutter 7, Fowler 7, Sword 7, Bradd 7, ★WILLIAMS 9, Sunley 8, Mountford 6, Thorpe 6, Coyle 7
Sheff Utd: Richardson 7, Ryan 6, Garner 7, Kenworthy 6, McPhail 6, Trusson 7, Jones 7, ★NEVILLE 9, Charles 8, Hutton 6, Tibbott 7
Referee: A. Seville (Birmingham)
Match Rating: ★★

SUTTON COLDFIELD (0) 0
DONCASTER (0) 2 (Dowd 55, Lally 82)
Att 2,250
Sutton Coldfield: Burton 6, Evans 6, O'Connell 7, Parsons 7, Mason 6, ★PERKINS 9, Kenning 8, Hickson 7, Casey 6, Yates 6 (sub. Wilson 6), Rhodes 6
Doncaster: Boyd 7, Russell 7, Dowd 6, Lister 6, Snodin 6, Lally 8, ★LITTLE 9, Harle 6, Flanagan 6, Warboys 6, Pugh 7
Referee: H. Taylor (Qadby)
Match Rating: ★★

SWINDON (1) 3 (Mayes 26, Kamara 85, Lewis 67)
WEYMOUTH (1) 2 (Iannone 30, Dove, pen 48)
Att 5,477
Swindon: Allan 7, Henry 6, Peach 7, Kamara 7, Lewis 8, Stroud 7, Miller 6, Carter 5, Rowland 8, Mayes 7, ★WILLIAMS 9
Weymouth: Roberts 7, Lawrence 7, Byrne 7, Dyer 7, ★MERRICK 8, Joseph 6, McCafferty 7, Courtney 6, Iannone 7, Dove 6, Johnson 7
Referee: B. T. Stevens (Stonehouse)
Match Rating: ★★

TORQUAY (1) 2 (Weston 32, Cooper 86)
BARTON (0) 0
Att 2,495
Torquay: O'Keefe 6, Jones 6, ★PETHARD 8, Sermann 6 (sub. Coffitt), Bourne 6, Riach 6, Fell 6, Bowker 6, Cooper 6, Twitchin 6, Weston 7
Barton: Taylor 7, Smith 6, ★BALDRY 8, Bevis 6 (sub. Brown), O'Dell 8, Lawson, D 6, Dunn 6, Lawson, R 6, Hodge 6, Singfield 7, Nicholls 7
Referee: E. Read (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★★

TRANMERE (0) 0
YORK (0) 0
Att 2,687
Tranmere: Johnson 6, Mathias 5, Flood 6, Parry 6, Williams 5, Evans 7, Peplow 5 (sub. Hamilton 5), ★MUNGALL 8, Beamish 6, Lumby 5, Griffiths 6
York: Blackburn 6, Hood 6, Kay 5, Welsh 5, Clements 7, Craig 7, Ford 5, ★BYRNE 8, Eccles 6, McDonald 6, McGhie 5
Referee: A. Dobson (Blackburn)
Match Rating: ★★

WALSALL (1) 3 (Waddington 14, Buckley 61, Penn 70)
STAFFORD RANGERS (0) 0
Att 6,898
Walsall: Green 6, Macken 7, Mower 7, Serella 7, Harrison 7, Hart 6, Waddington 8, O'Kelly 7, Penn 7, ★BUCKLEY 9, Paul 7
Stafford: Dance 7, Wood 6, Dulson 6, Brindle 6, ★NIEMAN 8, Chapman 7, Brownbill 6, Bailey 7, Kersley 7, Fenoughty 6, Secker 6 (sub. Smith 6)
Referee: D. Lloyd (Worcester)
Match Rating: ★★★

WIGAN (0) 2 (Houghton 51, 72)
CHESTERFIELD (2) 2 (Wilson 9, Green 15)
Att 8,896
Wigan: Brown 6, Fretwell 6, Methven 7, Cribbley 6, McAdam 8,
★**HUTCHINSON 8**, Wright 6,
Corrigan 6, Urquhart 6, Houghton 7,
Quinn 6 (sub McMullan 7)
Chesterfield: Turner 6, Tarr 7, Green 7,
Ridley 6, Pollard 6, Wilson 7,
Bonnyman 7, Salmons 7, Walker 6,
Moss 6, ★**BIRCH 8**.
Referee: J. Hough (Macclesfield)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

WIMBLEDON (2) 7 (Smith, M 18, 32, Hubbick 51, 55, 66, Cunningham 71, Cork 81)
WINDSOR & ETON (1) 2 (McCutloch 27, Hill 84)
Att 3,087
Wimbledon: Beasant 7, Jones 6, Armstrong 7, Galliers 8, Smith, M 7, Cunningham 7, Ketteridge 8, Hodges 8, Leslie 8, Cork 6, ★**HUBBICK 9**
Windsor & Eton: Mitchell, K 7, Mitchell, J 6, Edwards 6 (sub Beckett 6), Richardson 7, Smith, C 6, King 6, Hill 7, Harris 6, ★**McCULLOCH 9**, Cadogan 8, Yates 7
Referee: D. Hedges (Oxford)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

WORKINGTON (0) 0
CARLISLE (0) 0
Att 8,000
Workington: ★**FISHER 9**, Kisby 7, Rosethorn 7, Breach 7, Roberts 6, Hill 6, Handley 7, Smith 7, Jill 8, Darling 7 (sub Diamond 8), Armstrong 8
Carlisle: Harrison 7, Watson 6,
★**HAIH 9**, MacDonald 7, Coady 6, Parker 6, Coughlin 7, Beardsley 8, Bannion 6 (sub McVitie 6), Hamilton 7, Stanforth 8
Referee: M. G. Peck (Kendal)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

WYCOMBE WANDERERS (0) 0
BOURNEMOUTH (2) 3 (Massey 12, Morgan 44, 77)
Att 4,768
Wycombe: Lester 7, Bridgese 6, Borg 6, Davies 6, Hardwick 7, Dell 6 (sub Toll 6), Long 7, Jacobs 6, Glynn 7,
★**PRICE 8**, Holfield 7
Bournemouth: Allen 7, Cunningham 5, Moore 6, Impey 6, Heffernan 7, Webb 7, Ferns 6, Spackman 8,
★**MORGAN 9**, Massey 8, Evanson 7
Referee: V. G. Callow (Solihull)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

YEOVIL (0) 2 (Morrall 72, Ritchie 86)
FARNBOROUGH (0) 1 (Perkin, pen 78)
Att 2,396
Yeovil: Parker 6, Ryan 6, Ritchie 7, Borthwick 7, Payne 7, Gold 7 (sub William), ★**MORRALL 8**, Bell 5, Green 5, Durbin 5, Brown 5
Farnborough: ★**SMITH 9**, Gosnell 5, Richardson 4, Turner 7, Blount 7, Hill 7, Brune 6, Parkin 6, Waughman 6, Saunders 5, Painter 5
Referee: S. G. Bates (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

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CELTIC (0) 1 (McCluskey, pen 85)
ST MIRREN (0) 2 (Richardson 84, Beckett 88)
Att 16,000
Celtic: Bonner 6, McGrain 7, Reid 6, Arken 6, McDonald 6, ★**McADAM 8**, Weir 6, Sullivan 7, Nicholas 6 (sub McCluskey 6), Burns 7, McGarvey 6
St Mirren: Thomson 7, Beckett 7, Abercrombie 6, Fulton 6, Copeland 7, Richardson 7, Stark 6, McCormack 7, Somner 7, Bone 6, ★**WEIR 8**.
Referee: M. Delaney (Cleveland)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

HEARTS (0) 0
RANGERS (0) 0
Att 16,315
Hearts: Brough 7, Hamilton 7,
★**SHEILDS 8**, Liddel 6, Hamilton (sub Moore 6), McVie 6, Robinson 7, Masterton 6, MacDonald 7, Conn 6, O'Connor 7, Gibson 6
Rangers: McCloy 7, Jardine 7, Dawson 6, Johnstone 7, Jackson 6,
★**BETT 8**, MacDonald 7, Redford 7, McAdam 7, McLean 6 (sub Russell 6), Johnston 6
Referee: A. C. Harris (Linlithgow)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

KILMARNOCK (1) 1 (Miller, og 34)
ABERDEEN (0) 1 (McLeish 89)
Att 3,300
Kilmarnock: Wilson 7, McClean 7, Clarke 6, Robertson 6, Mauchlen 6, McDicken 6, Houston 7, ★**MAXWELL 8**, McBride 7, Cramond 7, Street 6
Aberdeen: Leighton 7, Kennedy 7, Considine 6, Watson 6, ★**MCLEISH 8**, Miller 6, Strachan 7, McCall 6 (sub Hewitt 6), McGhee 7, Jarvie 6, Scanlon 6 (sub Hamilton 6)
Referee: A. Waddle (Pencuik)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

MORTON (1) 3 (Tolmie 19, Ritchie 67, pen 76)
AIRDRIE (0) 1 (Walker 66)
Att 3,500
Morton: Bains 7, Hayes 6, Holmes 7, McLaughlin 8, Orr 6, Rooney 7, Tolmie 7, Cochrane 6, Thomson 7, McNeil 7, ★**RITCHIE 8**.
Airdrie: Morton 6, Erwin 6, Rodger 7, Anderson, G 7, Anderson, N 6, McKeown 6, ★**WALKER 8**, McGuire 7, McCluskey 6, Gordon 6, Clark 6
Referee: W. McLeish (Stonehouse)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

PARTICK (1) 2 (Clark 32, O'Hara 65)
DUNDEE UNITED (1) 3 (Pettigrew 44, Sturrock 74, Bannion 78)
Att 4,000
Partick: Rough 7, Doyle 6, Welsh 6, Lapsley 7, Campbell 7, Whittaker 7, Parke 6, O'Hara 6, ★**CLARK 8**, Watson 7, Jardine 6
Dundee Utd: McAlpine 6, Hope 7, Kopel 7, Phillip 6, Hegarty 7, Narey 7, ★**BANNION 8**, Gibson 7, Pettigrew 6, Sturrock 6, Dodd 6
Referee: F. McKenzie (Withshaw)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

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BERWICK (1) 1 (McLeod 41)
EAST STIRLING (0) 2 (Rennie 50, Grant 89)
Att 750

CLYDEBANK (0) 1 (Miller 88)
HIBERNIAN (0) 1 (Brown, J 78)
Att: 1,300

DUNDEE (1) 5 (Stephen 21, 60, Sinclair 53, Mackie 67, 70)
STIRLING (0) 1 (McPhee 72)
Att 4,805

DUNFERMLINE (1) 2 (Donnelly 44, Salton 82)
AYR (0) 3 (Fry 62, 64, Love 78)
Att 880

FALKIRK (0) 0
ST JOHNSTONE (1) 3 (Morton 25, Docherty 58, 72)
Att 780

MOTHERWELL (2) 4 (Forbes 28, Cleland 38, McClelland 68, Soutar 84)
DUMBARTON (2) 2 (Jackson 25, Smith, og 29)
Att 2,223

RAITH (0) 1 (Harris 87)
HAMILTON (0) 0
Att 2,200

Division Two

ALBION (2) 3 (Houston 21, Higgins 26, McPherson 62)
ALLOA (0) 1 (Morrison 63)
Att 1,000

BRECHIN (1) 5 (Lorimer 40, Scrimgeour, og 54, Campbell, 1 64, 69, Graham 75)
ARBROATH (1) 1 (Harley 7)
Att 800

MEADOWBANK (1) 1 (McCallen 24)
COWDENBEATH (1) 4 (Hunter 40, 72, Steele 78, 81)
Att 300

QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (1) 1 (Mulgrew 32)
EAST FIFE (1) 1 (Johnstone 17)
Att 1,000

QUEENS PARK (1) 1 (McSkimming 40)
STRANRAER (0) 0
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9 — Robinson (Brighton), Latchford (Everton), Birtles (Man Utd, all for Forest), Regis (West Brom).

SECOND DIVISION

15 — Cross (West Ham)
14 — Lee (Chelsea)
12 — Poskett (Watford)
10 — Kidd (Bolton), Walker (Chelsea), Moores (Orient), Goddard (West Ham)
9 — Moss, Stein (Luton), Christie (Notts County)


THIRD DIVISION

19 — Kellow (Exeter)
17 — Kemp (Plymouth)
15 — Hales (Charlton)
12 — Glavin (Barnsley), Morris (Blackpool), Kindon (Huddersfield), Moore (Rotherham)
12 — Birch (Chesterfield)
11 — Robinson, Walsh (Charlton), Gregory (Portsmouth), Mayes (Swindon)
10 — Davies (Fulham)

FOURTH DIVISION

16 — Lumby (Tranmere)
15 — Hartford (Lincoln), Phillips (Northampton), Cooke (Peterborough)
14 — Hobson (Lincoln), Spence (Southend)
13 — Cork (Wimbledon)
12 — Walsh (Darlington)

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THE five lucky winners of the Kevin Keegan quiz, which appeared in our November 15 issue, are:

Steven Ward, Great Barr, Birmingham; Peter Wilson, Droylesden, Manchester; Russell Smyth, Ruthin, Clwyd, N. Wales; Richard Cleaver, East Runton, Norfolk; and Ben Nahonieczny, Richmond, Surrey.

Each of these readers win a super battery-operated Kevin Keegan "Match of the Day" soccer game.

The answers to the quiz were: A. Birmingham City; B. The Dell, Southampton; C. It was Keegan's first League goal for Southampton.

THE five winners of Crossword No. 56, who each receive a leather football, were: Tony Rowland, Theydon Bois, Epping, Essex; Paul Curley, Feniscowles, Blackburn; Stephen Hill, Norwich; Tracy North, Dagenham, Essex; Andrew Roberts, Hitchin, Herts.

SOLUTIONS to Crossword
No. 56 are

ACROSS: 1. Wembley Stadium, 8. Strikers, 9. Handled; 10. Bath, 11. Trollope; 14. Oslo, 16. Don, 17. One, 18. Gay, 20. Internationals, 23. Hunter, 25. Touch-line, 26. Yorath.
DOWN: 1. West Bromwich, 2. Brighton, 3. Everton, 4. Sash; 5. Alan, 6. Italy, 7. Madden; 12. Light blue, 13. Plymouth; 15. Lost; 16. Donachie, 19. Ossie, 21. Extra (time); 22. (Preston) North (End); 24. Udo.

THE winner of the Calendar

Caption competition for September was: Derek Melon, Edinburgh 7, Scotland
His caption was: "It looks bad, Jimmy, it's a broken bootlace!"

THE winner for October was Mr. P. Wood, Sheffield, S9 4JP.

His caption was: "It's O.K. being on T.V., Willie, but I hate doing these action replays."

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MAN U ARSENAL

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BOOTSIE MALONE EATS SOFT CENTRES!

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?

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SUPER BAIL MARKET

WINGERS WAY

THE BOOT AND TACKLE

A DOZEN PLEASE

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10 MATCH SOUVENIRS

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NO HE HASN'T GONE TO SAUDI ARABIA

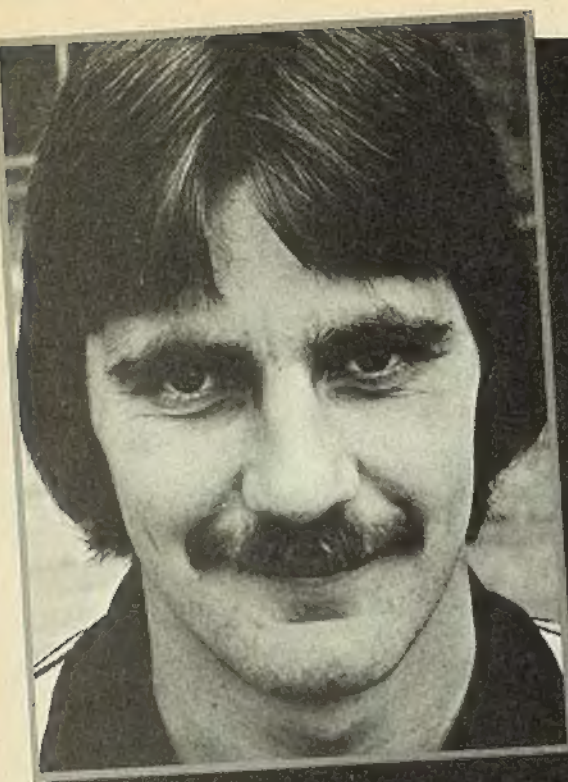
YES WE THINK YOU SHOULD USE TWO WINGERS - ANYTIME MR GREENWOOD

OH! I'M SORRY - HE CAN'T BE YOUR MANAGER OF THE MONTH THIS MONTH - HE'S JUST BEEN NAMED SOMEBODY ELSE'S MANAGER OF THE MONTH.

HELLO HELLO

MISS WORD!

SODA POP



Our Europe dream

by Newport skipper
KEITH OAKES

JUST three years ago little Newport County were struggling to stay afloat as a League club.

Now they are riding on the crest of a wave and preparing to battle it out with some of the best Europe can offer.

And Newport skipper Keith Oakes (pictured above) admits: "It's like a dream."

County's displays in the European Cup-Winners' Cup have earned them a place in the draw for the quarter-finals.

And next March will see them rubbing shoulders with the likes of Benfica, Feyenoord and last season's conquerors of Liverpool — Dynamo Tbilisi of Russia.

Added Keith: "None of the lads ever expected to get this far, but we are really enjoying the experience."

"To be fair we have been lucky in the draw so far."

"I was really surprised by the low

standard of Crusaders (Ireland) and Haugar (Norway)."

Newport, promoted from the Fourth Division last season, beat Shrewsbury 4-0 on aggregate to win the Welsh Cup and qualify for the tournament.

And with the draw for the next round not taking place until January the players have a few anxious weeks before they know who their next opponents will be.

"From a financial point of view the club would like West Ham, but I know that the players want another trip abroad."

"Our progress in the competition has really caught the imagination of the town."

"It's great to have people stopping me in the street and talking about our

progress."

"I never thought in my wildest dreams when I signed from Peterborough two years ago that I would be in Europe."

"It's just a tremendous experience for us and we are all loving it," added Keith.

FOOTNOTE: The other teams going into the draw for the quarter-finals of the Cup-Winners' Cup are: West Ham United; Dynamo Tbilisi (Russia); Fortuna Dusseldorf (West Germany); Feyenoord (Holland); Slavia Sofia (Bulgaria); Carl Zeiss Jena (East Germany); Benfica (Portugal).



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From Iceland to

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ROAD TO
STARDOM

HERE'S a rare shot ... Clive Allen making one of only a handful of pre-season appearances for Arsenal before his swap deal to Crystal Palace. That's Jim Bett sliding in for the tackle. His eye-catching performances for Rangers made him runner-up in Match Weekly's October Matchman of the Month award for the Scottish Premier League.

NO PLAYER'S road to stardom could have followed a stranger route than the one which finally brought Jim Bett success with Rangers.

Jim, who celebrated his 21st birthday on Tuesday (November 25), reflected on how his career followed an almost nomadic lifestyle before he finally came to Ibrox from Belgian club Lokeren in August.

He recalled: "When I left Glenlee School near Hamilton several clubs, including Manchester City, Celtic and Leeds, were interested in me.

"But I decided to join Airdrie part-time because they were connected with the Gartcosh side I played with.

"I made my debut, scoring against Albion Rovers, but after eight or nine games I'd had enough.

"Running round the pitch twice a week wasn't my idea of training so I left.

"I decided to go to Iceland, where I'd been on tour with Gartcosh, and signed for their top team Valur.

"But because I had walked out after only serving six months of a four year contract, Airdrie had me suspended from playing.

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After a 10 month suspension!

"I worked for 10 months in a factory — training at night — before I was finally allowed to play," said Jim, who was runner-up to Aberdeen's Alex McLeish in our Matchman of the Month awards.

"Then after just two games for Valur, Lokeren heard about me and I signed for them.

"I was there for two years playing with some great internationals, like the Pole Lubanski, Larssen from Denmark and Veerheyen and Mommens of Belgium.

"I learned a lot and gained great experience, but I was delighted when John Greig came in for me with a chance to return to Scotland."

It has been a roundabout route to stardom for the lad who made his international debut against Sweden Under 21.



Programme Guide



FOREST

If it's statistics you're after, then Nottingham Forest's match-day magazine is top class.

Facts — and plenty of 'em — are obviously a tried and tested formula with the Forest fans and credit to the club statistician for presenting them so well.

We noticed a high standard of match-by-match facts and figures and found both a Garry Birtles goals guide and team-by-team First Division success record fascinating.

A nice touch was the CURRENT record of each player on view that day.

Manager Brian Clough and secretary/treasurer Ken Smales have developed a neat line in light-hearted pre-match patter and the news was humorously written, too, with a slot for the world scene an added bonus.

The Club photographers make an attempt to go for the offbeat pictures as well as the goalmouth actions, though programme colour is a bit lifeless.

At 25p Forest fans can be well satisfied with the value for the programme — perhaps that makes up for the price they have to pay for their seats!

Star rating guide:

- ***** Superb
- **** Good
- *** Satisfactory
- ** Poor
- * Terrible

Forest ratings: Content: ****, Pictures: ***, Colour: **, Club info: ***, Entertainment: ****, Value for money: ****.

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**MATCHMAKER
SPOTLIGHT ON WOLVES' ...**

PETER DANIEL

FULL NAME: Peter William Daniel
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Hull, December 12, 1955
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5ft 9ins, 11st 2lbs
MARRIED: Yes, to Pamela
CHILDREN: Christopher (aged 6 weeks)
CAR: Audi 80 GLE
PREVIOUS CLUB: Hull
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: Painter and decorator
NICKNAME: Pete or Pierre
WORST EVER INJURY: Torn ankle ligaments
FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: George Best — great all round ability
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Hull
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Johan Cruyff — he's so skilful and a joy to watch.
BEST ALL TIME BRITISH TEAM: Banks, Reaney, Cooper, O'Leary, Moore, Keegan, Bremner, Brady, Best, Law, Greaves
ALL TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Yashin (Russia), Carlos Alberto (Brazil), Beckenbauer (W Germany), Moore (England), Breitner (W Germany), Brady (Ire), Bremner (Scotland), Cruyff (Holland), Best (N Ireland), Pele (Brazil), Muller (W Germany)
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Old Trafford
FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Olympic Stadium, Rome
BEST GOAL SCORED: Half volley from the edge of the box v Ipswich at Molineux last season
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Terry McDermott's chip v Aberdeen
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Tony Currie
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Beating Forest in last season's League Cup Final
OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Winning the League Cup
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing the FA Cup semi-final v Arsenal two seasons ago
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Cricket, snooker
LIKES: Driving, going back home to Hull, listening to music
DISLIKES: Cigarette smoke, ignorant people, long coach journeys
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Not the nine O'Clock News
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Party political broadcasts
FAVOURITE READING: Wilbur Smith
FAVOURITE GROUP: Electric Light Orchestra, Pink Floyd
FAVOURITE FOOD: Home cooking
FAVOURITE DRINK: Tetley bitter
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Malta
FAVOURITE ACTOR: Clint Eastwood, Charles Bronson
BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: Marathon Man
BEST FRIEND: George Berry at Wolves
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: John Kaye and Andy Davidson at Hull, John Barnwell and Richie Barker at Wolves
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: People who are always knocking the game
SUPERSTITIONS: I always come out of the tunnel last
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Poached eggs on toast
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Seven Under 21 caps for England
PERSONAL AMBITION: Security for my family
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To further my international career, win the FA Cup and the First Division championship
PLAYERS FOR THE FUTURE: Wolves apprentices Anton Herman and Ian Robottom
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Prince of Wales
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Work on your weaknesses

